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Campus

FACULTY RECEPTION

Northwest will hold a reception for faculty members retiring at the end of the spring trimester from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, in the J.V. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Retiring faculty are Craig Goad, associate professor of English; Channing Horner, assistant professor of communication, theatre and languages; Louise Horner, assistant professor of communication, theatre and languages; and Chanda Funston, associate professor of English. The reception is open to all members of the University community.

'A GREEK THANG'

Find all the information about the upcoming Greek Week festivities see **9A**

RUSSIA TRIP

Northwest students and professor Richard Frucht travel to Russia. See **2A**



ST. BASIL'S Cathedral, taken from the Red Square by Frucht.

Local

MS OPEN FORUM

The Northwest Missouri Multiple Sclerosis Group will hold an open forum 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 8, at St. Gregory Parish Hall, 333 S. Davis. Anyone interested is invited to attend. For more information contact Cindy Bliley at (660) 562-2754 or Janice Dawson at (660) 725-4447.

ELECTION RESULTS

See the full version of who was voted in to office. see **ONLINE**

Lifestyles

WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Northwest students volunteer to help members of the community. see **8B**

Sports

TAPPMAYER STAYS PUT

Northwest basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer didn't make cut. see **1B**

BAR BRAWL

Two Northwest football players were injured in an incident at The World Famous Outback. see **1B**

Corrections

In the March 30 issue of The Northwest Missourian, the article on A1 entitled, "Admin fire produces unlikely outcomes," incorrectly quotes Bob Henry referring to the University's fall, spring and summer sessions as "trimesters." In fact, they were "semesters" in 1979. The University did not implement the trimester system until 1998. We apologize for this error.

Lawmakers hold summit

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Two lawmakers, who normally may not have a lot in common, got the chance to stand on common ground last week.

Rep. Brad Lager, R-4, took Rep. Brian Baker, R-123 and chairman of the special committee on education funding, on a tour of schools in northwest Missouri. Lager said he hoped the trip would show Baker some of the challenges school districts within District 4 face.

On Saturday, April 1, Baker and Lager addressed questions

and concerns from a group of educators and citizens gathered at Maryville High School. The topics ranged from summer school, to implementing seat belts in school buses, to the Virtual School bill.

Many of the concerns addressed a lack of state funding for school districts with inadequate school buildings.

Baker said he understood these problems more after seeing some of the schools in the district earlier that week. He also discussed a failed bill he proposed that would increase bonding capacity for smaller school districts.

"To me it would be a no-brainer, give you the local tools that would determine your fate if the schools need it," Baker said. "Comfortable classrooms create a better learning environment."

Baker added that he intended to file the bill again next year.

Lager and Baker also discussed the differences between the two districts they represent.

"There are 524 school districts in the state of Missouri, and everyone of them has a different perspective," Baker said.

Baker said that many in his

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Graduation speaker announced

By Lindsay Jacobs
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The man who helped plant the seed for bio-pharming at Northwest will be the speaker at this trimester's commencement.



Mark Drabenstott

Mark Drabenstott, economist and vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Mo., will address graduates.

"I think it's always a privilege to stand before a group of young people who have become the best they can be," Drabenstott said.

He also said it is a privilege working with an institution that is committed to help the region it's in.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said Drabenstott brought forth the initiative for bio-pharming.

He said they spent half a day talking about bringing pharmaceutical farming to the region.

Hubbard said Drabenstott asked him who would step up if the University didn't.

Drabenstott said growing pharmaceutical crops in the region would provide an opportunity for farmers to make more money, bring high scale jobs that offer high wages to the area and it would increase the region's wealth.

"Northwest Missouri saw that opportunity and decided to do something about it," Drabenstott said.

Drabenstott received his bachelor's degree from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. and his master's degree and Ph.D. from Iowa State University in Ames.

He has been with the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City since 1981, and in 1990, was named vice president.

He has edited five books and published over 100 articles on issues facing the rural economy and food and agriculture sector. Drabenstott has also testified before

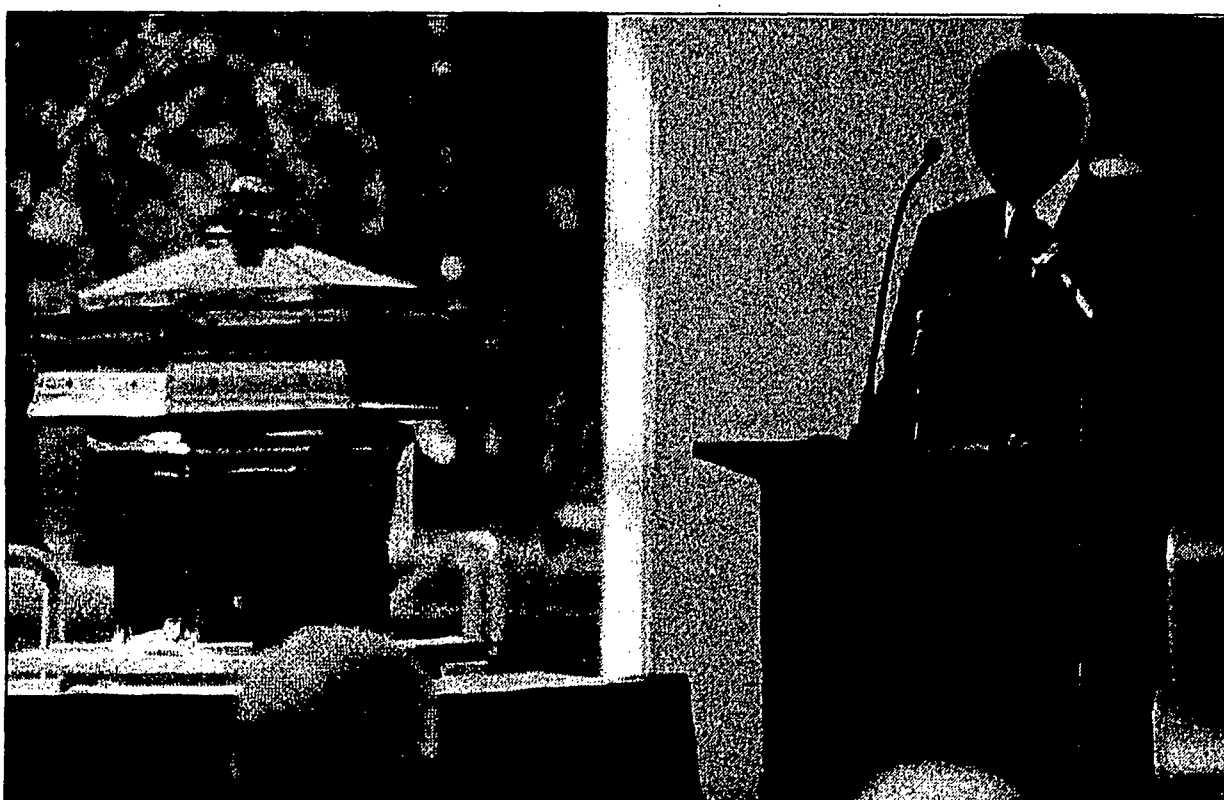
Congress more than a dozen times on rural and agricultural policy issues.

In 1998, he was named director of the Center for the Study of Rural America, which is the focal point for research on agricultural and rural issues.

Last Spring's commencement speaker was Northwest Alumna Mercedes Ramirez Johnson one-of-four survivors of a plane crash in 1995 in the Andes Mountains.

Commencement is at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., April 29, in Bearcat Arena

STILL 'BUSINESS AS USUAL'



FORMER NORTHWEST PRESIDENT B.D. Owens addresses a crowd made up of former colleagues, Northwest faculty and other members of the campus community during the Commemoration of the Administration Building Tuesday afternoon.

Campus gathers for commemoration

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A mild, sunny, spring afternoon greeted current and former Northwest faculty, staff and students as they arrived at the Memorial Bell Tower for a ceremony to honor the Administration Building.

The commemoration, one of the last events of the University's yearlong Centennial Celebration, recognized the structure's eventful history, as well as the people and events contributing to its resilient character.

Completed five years after Northwest's establishment as a state normal school, the Administration Building, formerly Academic Hall, faced a number of triumphs and tragedies during its existence. From the moment the administration laid the building's first cornerstone, construction faced numerous delays due primarily to insufficient state funding. On March 15, 1919, the building was hit by a tornado—destroying the roof and windows.

However, the primary focus of Tuesday's ceremony was on the July 1979 fire that completely destroyed 60 percent of the Administration Building, including its newly remodeled Deerwester Theatre, Northwest's

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FORMER PRESIDENT B.D. Owens and his wife of nearly 50 years, Sue, remember how their lives as Northwest's presidential family changed when the Administration Building caught fire in July 1979.

A look into Owens life

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It is almost symbolic seeing former Northwest president B.D. Owens sitting in front of a window in friend and former colleague Bob Bush's home.

Before finding its way into Bush's house, the window was once part of the Administration Building's Deerwester Theatre—lost in a fire that consumed 60 percent of the structure in July 1979. The window

see **OWENS on 8A**

Diabetic shock causes linen truck driver to crash



POLICE ARRIVE at the scene of a three-vehicle crash Thursday, March 30, on South Mulberry and West Cooper Streets. The driver of the linen supply truck that crashed into two cars, Travis N. Till, of St. Joseph, Mo., apparently went into diabetic shock and doesn't remember the accident.

Two residents have cars totaled on same street

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Three vehicles were involved in an accident located in an area prone to parked-car collisions. The accident left one car pushed over the curb without knocking off its front wheels, and another car with damages to its rear.

An Excel Linen Supply truck from Kansas City, Mo., was headed southbound as it struck two parked cars at 3:45 p.m., March 30, on South Mulberry and West Cooper Streets.

According to police reports, the

driver of the truck, Travis N. Till, of St. Joseph, Mo., was traveling southbound on South Mulberry. Till, who is diabetic, apparently went into a diabetic shock and doesn't remember the accident or where he was.

Till struck the first vehicle, owned by Hy-Vee greeter, Fred Mares, Maryville, in the rear-driver side and pushed his car up over the curb into a yard.

Till continued to travel southbound as he struck the second vehicle in the rear owned by Virginia F. Warehime, Maryville, and came to a stop.

"I was asleep on the couch when my neighbor rang the doorbell," Warehime said.

"He told me about the truck and I looked out the window and saw a great big truck bashed into

the back of my car and next to theirs.

It knocked the two front wheels off of their car and put it up on the curb. Both cars were totaled."

It took five police cars and two tow trucks to clear up the accident.

An ambulance took Till to the emergency room as an officer drove his truck away. Two tow trucks were needed to tow away the cars. Till's condition was unknown as of press time.

According to Warehime, Mare has had two different cars hit and totaled on that street. Warehime has had her car hit four times, ending its life last Thursday.

"Oh my gosh!" Warehime said. "I would have never thought my poor car's life would come to that end."

CAMPUSBRIEFS

Blood drive sponsored by Student Senate

Northwest's Student Senate will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 11, in the Station Conference Center.

All donors will receive a free T-shirt. Donations benefit the Community Blood Center, which provides blood to area hospitals.

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Student Senate office at 562-1218. For health questions, call (800) 725-6791.

Northwest students present dual concerts

Northwest student music ensembles will perform two concerts during the second week of April.

The Wind Symphony and University Chorale join forces at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 9, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. A second dual program in Mary Linn, at 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, features the Northwest Orchestra and Symphonic Band.

Ray Cramer, director emeritus of bands at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, will share Wind Symphony conducting duties with Carl Kling, assistant professor and director of bands at Northwest.

Brian Lanier, assistant professor of music, leads the University Chorale.

Conductors for the Orchestra and Symphonic Band concert include Kling and graduate students Nicholas Ross and Joel Dake.

Adjunct Instructor Larry Williams serves as the Northwest Orchestra's string coach.

Education majors have opportunity for hire

Northwest education majors are invited to attend the 2006 Education Exposition, formerly Teacher Placement Day, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, at Bearcat Arena.

Representatives from approximately 100 school districts will be on hand to view students' resumes and discuss opportunities for employment within their districts.

For more information, contact the office of Career Services at 562-1250.

For an up-to-date list of districts scheduled to attend, visit the Career Services Web site at nwmissouri.edu/careerserv.

Students visit Russia during Spring Break

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When Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Chair Richard Frucht planned a trip to Russia over Spring Break, he was hoping for maybe 12 people to jump on board.

He got 39.

Frucht chose Spring Break because he had never seen Russia in the snow and he was able to get a better price for the trip.

Frucht said he chose to go to Russia because that is his expertise. Also, Russia is not a common vacation spot for most people.

"Russia is the kind of place you're never going to go to on your own," Frucht said.

The trip was highly structured with very little time for students to venture on their own. The group split their time in Moscow, the capital city, as well as St. Petersburg. Students were required to do journal entries on places they went to.

Sophomore Drew Zimmerman said he liked Moscow a little more because it had a traditional Russian feel to it, meaning, old buildings, depressing facial expressions on many locals and the feel of Soviet control still in the air.

Senior Matt Richardson said both cities were amazing, but also very different.



A GROUP of Northwest students that professor Richard Frucht took to Russia pose for a group photo during their educational trip.

Both students agreed that St. Petersburg felt more like home as they saw McDonalds and KFC's. It also had elaborate architecture and massive statues.

Richardson, a social science education major, feels his experiences will enhance his future in teaching.

Zimmerman decided to go on the trip based on his experiences he had with Frucht in class.

According to Frucht, the best sight of the trip came on the first night, when the group went to Moscow's Red Square and saw St. Basil's Cathedral, which Frucht said is the image of Russia in most people's mind.

In regards to culture shock, for Richardson he didn't see there being much, except for the language barrier.

"It was very difficult to get anything accomplished by asking questions," Richardson said.

ing most people drink bottled water. Students did sample Russia's well-known liquor, vodka, and according to Richardson, seemed to like it.

Amenities were also a bit of a culture shock, there were no shower curtains, and the beds were much smaller than a traditional twin-sized bed.

For both students, the church service they attended was by far the most enlightening moment of the trip.

Frucht gave an introduction to Russian religion before the trip commenced, to prepare the students for what they may see.

Williams said there were no pews, everyone was standing, and inside the church was full of gold and color.

Richardson added that it was strange to see their priest standing amongst the congregation and not behind a podium talking down to the congregation.

This was a return trip for Frucht, as he spent some time in Romania behind the Iron Curtain.

He also feels this experience will heighten the perspectives of those along for the trip.

"Anytime you have any study abroad experience it widens your horizons," Frucht said.

Seniors direct Second Stage season finales

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Love, suicide and psychological pain finalize two seniors' Northwest education.

Theatre Northwest presents the student directed productions, "Same Time, Next Year," and "Women and Wallace," concluding the Second Stage production season.

Senior Katie Schmidt directs "Women and Wallace," a story about a young man whose mother commits suicide, affecting his reaction to women and how they shape the rest of his life.

"It's my last show at Northwest and I love the fact that I have the complete artistic vision and get to decide everything about the show. It's exciting; it's my last hoorah," Schmidt said.

Senior Rachel Melton directs, "Same Time, Next Year," a romantic comedy about a married accountant and a housewife's weekly love affair.

"Directing is a million things at one instant, taking lead over imaginary things and making them more important than any reality. It is difficult and always rewarding," Melton said.

The student directors create the show in their heads to generate a vision before fine-tuning the details through constant readings and breaking down the show into themes and rhythms.

As the role of teacher and student constantly changes, these directors learned from their professors the basics of how to bring nostalgia and emotions to the stage and how to leave each audience member with an impression.

"I learned from the amazing directors Joe Kreizinger and Mike Morris and meshed their night and day differences into one directing style," Schmidt said.

The directors work with their peers and created a comfortable relationship where outside opinions were encouraged. Through their developed friendships, both actors and directors maintained a relaxed atmosphere and tried their best to stay on target.

"We would joke around at times, but when you see the student directors a lot more outside of school and the rehearsal setting, it's expected. But if we ever got off on too much of a tangent they would make us refocus," said freshman Tory Battle, who plays in "Women and Wallace."

Anxiously awaiting their production performances, these student directors can leave Northwest with insightful experience.

"I'm most excited about opening night, baby! There is nothing more powerful than an audience," Melton said.

"Same Time, Next Year," runs Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, and "Women and Wallace," runs Thursday and Friday, April 13 and 14. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater. Admission is \$3 at the door. For more information, contact Joe Kreizinger, assistant professor of theatre, at 562-1172.

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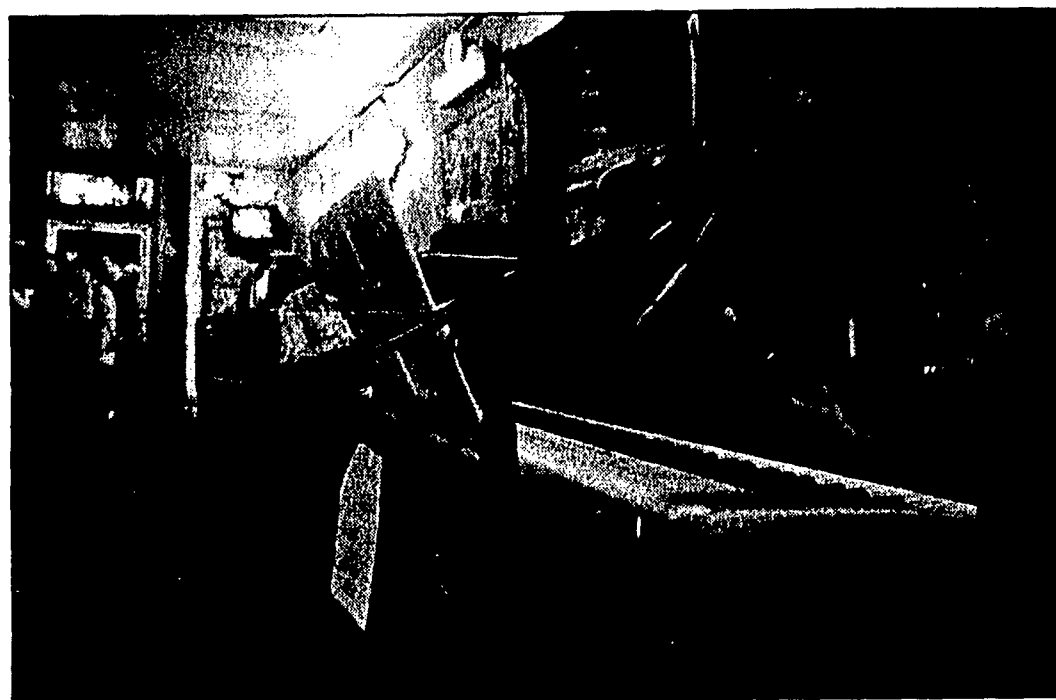
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MUSICIAN NATHAN Brooks performs at the Palms on Thursday night on his tour of the Midwest. Brooks is a Northwest graduate trying to make it in the music business as a solo artist.

Youth solves problems; finds community voice

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When entering a local restaurant, the question, "smoking or non-smoking?" Hasn't been asked since 2004 due to a group of willing teens.

Those teens were a part of a group associated with Public Achievement.

"Public Achievement is a youth team working together to solve public problems or concern to them," said Susan Martin, who oversees all activities in Maryville.

The group that got behind the ball in getting rid of smoking in restaurants was designated the name, Signified Lighter Fighters.

Along with banning smoking in restaurants, they also asked that tobacco products be sold behind the counter.

Teri Harr got involved with the group, but was not their coach.

Her role was benefi-

cial as she is a member of Citizens for Smoke Free Maryville.

Public Achievement is geared to get kids involved with community functions and so they know they make a difference, Harr said.

Though kids from any age can get involved, the program is, "geared towards middle through high school (kids)," Martin said.

Sixth grader Elizabeth Shieber said she has been involved with Public Achievement for two years and has worked on things like the Humane Society and for Peace and Social Justice.

"(I thought) it would be cool to make a difference in my school and community," Shieber said.

Many opportunities such as fundraisers are common for groups to tackle.

Martin said groups are raising funds for the animal shelter, the food pantry and Operation Break-Through, which help people in pov-

erty and those in need.

As of now, Public Achievement has 54 members, and splits into groups of seven to 10.

Martin said its important for kids to get involved because it is their world that they are changing, they are the ones that will benefit from what they are doing.

"Public Achievement is great for kids," Martin said. "It gets them involved in the community so they know the steps to take to get things done."

Harr agrees with that idea, and adds that what these kids say does matter.

"(Public Achievement is) very beneficial for students to know they have a voice," Harr said.

Sixth grader Becca Seipel has been with the program for three years and she said she has learned a lot her potential.

"(It's) very rewarding if you accomplish what you put your mind to," Seipel said.

Humane Society adopts 'buddy' sponsor system

By Jared Bailey
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Those with big hearts can now help those with wet noses easier.

The New Nodaway Humane Society set up a program in which community members can donate \$10 a month to a homeless animal. People are given a list of dogs or cats to choose for a "buddy."

Sponsors are allowed to come to the shelter whenever they desire and spend time with the chosen animal. With an estimated 50 canines, a little extra cash is always appreciated.

"A lot of college students can't have pets because of where they live and their landlords won't permit it," said Marlene Thompson, a Humane Society volunteer. "So, what better thing to do than have a buddy you can go walk and take treats to and play with? It just makes the day for the animals that are shut in a cage."

Sometimes boxes filled with kittens randomly show up at the shelter's doorstep. Other times the society will receive phone calls from Maryville Public Safety about neglected dogs.

According to Thompson, Missouri is one of the top ranking states in the nation when it comes to puppy mills, illegal breeding grounds for dogs. The animals coming to the shelter have been abused at such places and need serious medical attention.

On average, it costs \$1.50 a day to care for an animal. Nodaway County and Maryville pays for \$4,900 per month said Doug Sutton, president of the board of the society.

It all goes toward the expenses of the shelter, but donations are still a major source of income.

Brochures about the program were sent out to more than 1,000 residents, and after a week of being in motion, shelter workers are feeling pleased with the initial response.

"It gets the community more involved," Cindy Nelson, shelter manager said. "It will help the animals get out more and be more social."

CITYBRIEFS

Change helps pregnant, parenting students

An amendment introduced by Melissa Hart, U.S. House of Representatives, was passed that will help pregnant and parenting students complete their education by encouraging institutions of higher education to offer critical support services.

The amendment will be included in the College Access and Opportunity Act. Hart hopes the amendment helps colleges and other educational institutions to support the 4.5 million pregnant and parenting students across the United States.

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is authorizing the funding for institutions through the amendment.

House bill aimed to clean up Missouri

Rep. Rod Jetton, Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, filed House Bill 2106 in hopes to change litter penalties.

The bill would require community service and a flat penalty fee. Currently littering is a Class A misdemeanor, which could result in up to a year of jail or a fine up to \$1,000. Jetton's proposal would create an additional flat penalty of \$600 and require at least 10 days in jail involving at least 40 hours of community service for any offender.

If passed, the proposed bill will split the \$600, with half the fine going to the County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund. The other half will go to the County School Fund. Counties without a restitution fund will have the money for their school fund. The bill is currently waiting consideration by the house.

Slow-pitch softball accepting registrations

Packets containing information on mens and womens slow-pitch softball leagues are now available at the Maryville Community Center, 1407 N. Country Club Rd., Maryville. Maryville Parks and Recreation will accept registration from April 3 through April 14 at the Community Center. Information on registration, fees, guidelines, scheduling and league rules is included in the packet. For more information contact Maryville Parks and Recreation at (660) 562-2923.

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Tornado safety

Not a year goes by that Missouri doesn't receive a handful of close-calls with tornadoes. Unfortunately for Maryville, should our city ever find itself directly in the path of a tornado, many people would find themselves having to fend for themselves.

Maryville lacks a designated structure where people may gather in mass to seek shelter from severe weather, though, according to Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood, the city has extensive contingency plans for crises after a storm. Wood advises Maryville residents to prepare in advance and have contingency plans of their own.

We at the *Northwest Missourian* would like to help our readers stay prepared by offering some advice.

In the event of a tornado, residents should make every attempt to make their way indoors. Specifically, find a structure with a basement, if possible. If not, make your way to the lowest floor of the house and to an enclosed area without windows. Residents in apartment buildings should remain in interior hallways on the lowest floors possible.

Northwest students living on campus should avoid the modular classrooms at all costs and seek shelter in either a residence hall or another building with a basement, such as Wells Hall, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center or the Student Recreation Center, to name a few examples.

Should you find yourself outdoors, find a low-lying ditch or ravine and crouch down in it.

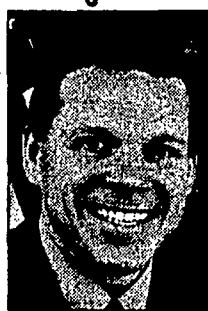
The Gulf Coast hurricanes of 2005 should have taught a valuable lesson to residents of any region at high risk for a severe storm: being proactive can make a massive difference in saving lives. Since Maryville lacks a mechanism to ensure that each and every individual prepares for the storm—and since that should not be the city's responsibility, in the first place—everybody must individually ensure their own self-preservation. When individuals take it upon themselves to prepare independently rather than waiting to be shepherded to safety, a greater likelihood exists that the populous will be ahead of the game.

With that in mind, we still believe the city would do well to provide some sort of structure to which people without a safe structure or basement can go. Such a project would absolutely facilitate a community more willing to prepare in advance because the people know they have a central point at which they could convene.

Saving sciences

When I think of math, I'm reminded of this story about a young student. His parents wanted to encourage him to get good grades so they offered him cash for every "A" he got on his next report card. One day he came home and he said, "Do you remember how you offered me

Straight Talk



Sam Graves
U.S. Congressman

money for every 'A' I got on my report card?" The parents did and eagerly waited to find out how well he had done. He said, "Well, the good news is you don't owe me anything."

Earlier this year the President announced a renewed commitment to teaching students the subjects of science and math. Other nations have begun to catch up, and the number of scientists and mathematicians increasingly come from other countries.

If America is to continue to be great, we need to keep producing scientists, engineers,

mathematicians, astrologers, doctors and researchers.

I support the President's American Competitive Initiative. The proposal focuses on bringing math and science professionals into the classroom and training more high school teachers to lead

advanced-placement courses in those subjects.

America's rise in the world was fueled, in part, by our technological capabilities. World War II, the Space Race, the Cold War—all of those events were won, in part, by the superiority of American scientists. We cannot let others surpass us as technological leaders.

We all want our children to have a better life than we did. Preparing our children to compete globally will ensure that America continues to be a leader in innovation and technology well into the future.



2 HOURS AFTER HIS BILL AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IS PASSED, CONGRESSMAN JAMES SENSENBRENNER DISCOVERS HE IS A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT, AND IS NOW PABLO GONZALES.

Moral majority drops the ball

While I hesitate to formulate an argument in favor of a dramatic rise in Internet pornography, I advocate some of the means used to justify the ends of the "moral majority" even less. Therefore, I take a deep breath and side with what I consider the lesser of two evils: by a narrow margin, I side with the pornographers.

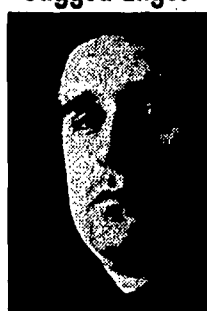
Put the torches and pitchforks down and let me explain.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN) governs the sale and distribution of web addresses and domain names, i.e., .com or .net. Recently, they planned to make it easier for pornographic Web sites to just be up-front with everyone from here on out by creating a .xxx domain—right up until conservative religious groups applied some second-hand arm twisting.

The same people who probably "can't define pornography, but know it when they see it" flooded now-former Commerce Department Assistant Secretary Michael D. Gallagher with letters asking ICANN to hold off on the new name. In turn, the European Union backed that the United States can't let their domestic misgivings impact the Internet's global evolution.

I don't discount the opposition to this move. I would absolutely expect a domain name that specifically identifies porn sites to raise eyebrows—we would have the digital equivalent to a 15-foot flashing "Live Nude Girls" in red neon. However, at least then, everyone—including govern-

Jagged Edges



Sean Corner
Opinion Editor

ment regulators—would know what's what. How much more obvious a filter could a government regulator—or parent, for that matter—want?

And by all means, people, let's overreact some more to the impact of this. .Com or .net sites wouldn't go anywhere; in fact, existing ones would remain identical, as would future sites to take a .xxx domain. They would be no harder to Google or Yahoo-search than any other existing sites.

So we have a plan that would actually make it easier for anyone to filter out porn and regulate it, and which would have no impact whatsoever on the current availability of adult content. So what's the fuss?

The simple answer: a symbolic victory.

That's right, once more, it has to be an all-or-nothing issue. Moral activist groups lost the sexual revolution, and never got over it. However, they shot themselves in the foot on this one. Their golden opportunity to filter out smut for decisive regulation sat right at their feet—and they just stomped a mud hole in it.

If a consenting adult can distinguish a Web site from a plain-as-day, time-tested label right in the URL, then that also makes it even easier for filtering software to block them than previously when porn sites shared the same domains with legitimate sites. This could've been a valuable asset in cutting off child pornography.

Well, kiss that goodbye. Consider for a moment which

side forces their message more. Pornography represents a personal choice, either in viewing it or participating in it. That amounts to plain old responsibility and accountability—nobody in the porn industry can blame the business for any ensuing issues from their career choice, nor should they. The same goes for anybody who looks the material up online. If a grown man or woman has a problem with sexually explicit material, then don't visit those sites, but leave the people who do alone.

If parents don't want children exposed to such material, then they can raise their own kids with the values they choose, be vigilant and network with other parents to keep the material away, block sites with the .xxx domain and, finally, leave everyone else alone.

On the other hand, the religious right advocates freedom of speech, but only within the parameters of the speech they prefer. And any speech they consider harmful or offensive—regardless of how anyone outside their circle feels—should be prevented from accessing whatever they like online. However, this latest turn takes the matter a step further: Nobody in the world should be able to view images that American conservatives find distasteful.

Ironically, the interests of the people who would discriminate free speech according to the message could've won out here. They could've won a regulatory victory instead of a meaningless symbolic one. So the score now stands: Google and porn-loving adults, 1—religious right, zero.

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Would you be prepared in the event of a tornado?



"Yes, because I heard on the radio that we have an award winning weather system,"
Seth Wooderson
Public Relations



"Yes, because we have a basement with no windows,"
Ashley Scott
Elementary Education



"No. I live in a trailer and I've seen the Wizard of Oz."
Aaron Carpenter
Education



"Yes, because stuff like that doesn't really bother me, and we have a basement,"
Mackenzie Heston
Physical Education



"Yeah, they got plans for you...I hope,"
Jason Lacy
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"HOW ON EARTH DO WE TURN IT OFF?"

'Roids committee is a joke

"The massive pumped-up Bonds of 2001 didn't look anything like the lithe, young Pirate, or even the Giant of the late '90s."

This is an excerpt from *Game of Shadows*, a book written by San Francisco Chronicle writers Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams.

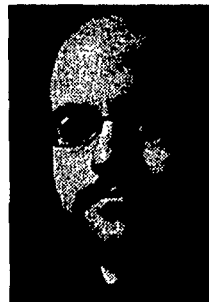
If you haven't read the book, it details Barry Bonds' use of performance enhancing drugs starting in the offseason prior to the 1999 season.

The book shows how Bonds, jealous over the record-breaking 1998 season juicer Mark McGwire was having as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals, sought out washed up trainer Greg Anderson, who at the time was working at a gym notorious for its steroid distribution.

Over the summer, Bonds, at the age of 34 put on 15 pounds of pure muscle—a fact not questioned by sportswriters or the Giants organization at the time.

The book does the job MLB com-

The Bottom Line



Brett Berger
Chief Reporter

missioner Bud Selig should have done a long time ago. He failed to draft a steroid policy like his fellow colleague, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, invoked before the congressional investigations on steroids and sports began in 2005.

Selig has to realize that to save his legacy, he must stop the investigation before it started.

The investigation isn't about stopping steroids in professional baseball, but a 21st-century lynch mob aimed at the overgrown bald head of Barry Bonds.

Bonds is guilty as sin and should leave the game before he becomes baseballs all time home run king, but the opportunity to nail him for juicing has long passed.

Selig seems to forget that on Sept. 30, 2002, a drug agreement between baseball and its players was signed. With this, you can take McGwire and Sammy Sosa out of the investigative equation.

You can also take out of the inves-

tigation Bonds 73 home runs in 2001, breaking the once sacred single season home run record that lasted 37 years, before McGwire broke it and lasting three years before Bonds broke it.

After drug testing began in 2003, penalties were not added until 2004.

So what exactly is Selig looking for now? Without a positive steroid test, Bonds can not be disciplined.

Selig knows he dropped the ball on Bonds and wants to save his career by going after Bonds.

Let's remember Henry Mitchell, who has been tapped by Selig to head the investigation, led the gambling investigation of Pete Rose, the all time hits leader, who is now banned from baseball for a lifetime.

Game of Shadows exposes the lies of Bonds and exposes the faults in Selig's approach to the steroid problem.

Selig must continue to reform steroid policy by toughening penalties and more vigorous testing of its players.

It's refreshing to see that investigative sports journalism hasn't reduced itself to holdouts, players wanting more money and the usual whining athletes of today engage in.



MAILCALL

To the Editor:

Diapers and daycare. I never thought I would find myself talking to my best friend about the cost of diapers and daycare over a six-pack of beer on a Friday evening, but life has a way of changing the discourse.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been in contact with various groups across campus including faculty, staff and students in order to gauge interest in creating a more robust daycare program for the Northwest community.

During these brief encounters it has become apparent that many of us believe that given the changing demographics of faculty and staff as well as our student population we ought to consider the viability of a childcare facility that could be utilized by parents with children as young as 6-weeks old. To that end I have scheduled an open forum meeting to be held April 18, in the Union Ballroom at 5 p.m.

Northwest currently offers a program that accepts 3-year-old children and, while I have heard nothing but positive feedback regarding Horace Mann's faculty and staff, I believe that Northwest should take the initiative and expand our childcare facilities in order to better the living/learning environment and to make our campus more attractive to faculty, staff and students with children.

Currently, and by my judgment, Northwest's program is significantly behind similar programs offered by UMKC, MU, Central, Truman and even Missouri Western.

We can do better. Thank you in advance for considering this letter and I hope to see you at our open forum.

Sincerely,

Matt Johnson, Instructor
History, Humanities, Philosophy, and
Political Science

Immigration a hot topic

To the Point



Dustin Boone
Contributing Columnist

Well, its finally come to a head hasn't it?

We've heard our old grandparents whisper it, uptight Republicans shout it, and the certain members of the news media broadcast it: "Go back to Mexico!"

Suddenly, illegal immigration has become the big story. This is a difficult and touchy topic, so I'll tread as softly as I can with a limited amount of space.

The big catalyst for all the uproar is a new house bill that will make felons out of anyone who dares to cross U.S. borders illegally.

Sounds good in theory. I mean, who actually wants illegal aliens to enter their country? Or worse, their neighborhood.

To pass such a bill would be a disaster.

First of all, I'm happy to tell you, Grandpa, that the Mexicans aren't taking "our jobs."

When was the last time you saw a middle-aged white man cleaning your hotel room or selling oranges on the side of the road?

The only jobs these poor people are taking are the jobs we don't want and would be too embarrassed to admit having. We'd rather go unemployed, but they wouldn't.

And once we make illegal aliens felons, then what will we do? One thing we won't do is deport

them.

That's right, they'll be in our county and you'll be paying for them.

And speaking of deportation, that's also a bad idea. It would be too costly, if not entirely impossible, to banish an estimated 11 million immigrants.

Besides, 11 million illegal aliens would be here by next week anyway because we can't, and shouldn't, seal

a 2,000 mile border.

A recent CNN poll shows that 88 percent of Americans believe that illegal immigration will be an important issue in the upcoming November elections.

I agree with that.

But what I think that poll says is that this issue is important to 88 percent of the voters.

I don't agree that it should be. 88 percent of the population do not live in a border state, and I don't mean Canada.

So lets call a spade a spade. Most people don't care about illegal aliens crossing the border so much as they care about more brown people living here.

This country still has a problem with racism, and this debate supports that hypothesis.

Until our elected members in Congress begin to earn an honest living, they should steer clear of making criminals out of those who do.

Impressions from Europe

Establishing business relationships with international partners is critical to attracting good, family supporting jobs to Missouri.

Since taking office, I have had the privilege of meeting with international officials to represent our state and highlight Missouri's workforce.

During these meetings I am able to tout Missouri's improving entrepreneurial climate and outstanding work ethic.

Meetings like these coupled with ongoing efforts by our Economic Development staff and local communities continue to help position Missouri as a player in the global market. In addition, our economic development opportunities continue to expand as we see the positive impact of much needed litigation reform, workers' compensation reform and Quality Jobs Act I signed last year.

In 2005, Missouri set a new export record with international sales totaling \$10.5 billion. Missouri companies increased their exports by \$1.5 billion or 16 percent over 2004 totals.

Our states top export categories were agricultural products, food products, fabricated metal products, transportation equipment, machinery, electrical equipment, primary metal manufacturing and chemicals. Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico and the United Kingdom were our top export partners last year.

It is my goal to ensure that more and more Missouri products can become available around the world.

During a recent trade mission, I met with European community and business leaders to help build on these record-breaking export numbers.

For our state to be competitive in the global market and continue to attract high qual-

Governor's Desk



Matt Blunt
Governor

ity, family supporting jobs we must build and maintain relationships with our international partners.

Governors across the nation are reaching out to international business leaders, so we must do the same.

During the trip some of Missouri's premier businesses joined me to tout the countless benefits of working with Missouri companies.

We visited the Czech Republic and Hungary, two countries whose growing economies are ripe for business development and hold limitless potential. Incidentally, our nation's Ambassador to Hungary, Bert Walker, is a Missourian. This provides us with a unique opportunity to strengthen our state's presence in eastern Europe. We also visited Italy, United Kingdom and Belgium, three countries that are already among Missouri's top export recipients.

The trade mission was an invaluable opportunity to continue diversifying our customers, expanding trade opportunities and identifying new markets for our Missouri products.

With positive outreach like the trade mission, I am confident the ongoing economic growth from Missouri exports will continue to benefit our farm families, local hometown entrepreneurs, and most importantly the people of our state.

It is important that international markets understand the business climate in Missouri and the benefits of conducting business in our state.

One of my jobs as a governor is to promote Missouri's business climate to international business partners.

It is a roll I am honored to fulfill as I believe Missouri workers are second to none and that Missouri truly is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Celebrating rural schools

Capitol Report



Brad Lager
Missouri Representative

stand our problems was to see them firsthand.

During the visits and the summit, we visited with teachers, administrators and students about their challenges and concerns.

We discussed what could be done from a state perspective to help our schools provide an even better education.

Missouri's greatest educational challenges are in our inner cities while some of the greatest results and best-educated students are coming from the rural and suburban areas.

I believe Baker was impressed with northwest Missouri's educational system and our common sense approach to educating kids.

There is nowhere in our state where local districts do a better job of working together to facilitate a quality education than here in northwest Missouri.

I remain hopeful that other educators will acknowledge our successes, use our models and implement some of these practices in other areas of Missouri.

Over the last month, I have focused heavily on education and what we can do to promote and facilitate a quality education for Missouri's students. From spending time reading to the second grade classes to touring our rural schools with education leaders from Jefferson City, Mo., I am committed to showcasing the great job our rural schools do educating students.

Last week, Rep. Brian Baker, the chairman of the House Special Committee on Students Achievement and Finance, joined me to learn more about education in northwest Missouri.

We toured several schools in our region of the state and co-hosted an education summit on Saturday morning. Baker had an eye-opening experience.

His district includes Belton and Cass County, the third fastest growing county in Missouri.

As you can imagine, their challenges are much different than ours in northwest Missouri. There is no doubt that the best way for him to under-

Tornado spins devastating reminder

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Tornadoes hit close to home last week and killed three in Missouri before ending.

Homes and property between Savannah, Mo., and Maryville were damaged due to a tornado ranked as an F-2 on the Fujita scale by the National Weather Service on Thursday.

One death was reported in each of St. Louis, Stoddard and Pemiscot counties.

Eleven total residences were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable in Andrew County after the storms Thursday night.

Teri Howard suffered the most serious injury reported, including a broken pelvis and punctured leg. Her daughter suffered a broken arm, bruises and scrapes.

With the threat of severe storms becoming a reality, knowing what to do when it hits is a high priority.

Two weeks prior to the tornadoes, the state of Mis-

souri held a tornado drill which students at Northwest Missouri State University and the citizens of Maryville took part in.

Students evacuated classrooms and dorm rooms to the basements of their respected buildings, but citizens in Maryville with no basements had to find a different place to stay safe.

The city has no community tornado shelter, nor has it ever, Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, said.

Wood said the problem with having a shelter would

be finding someone to manage the building and to have it open and accessible in times of severe weather. Knowing what to do with the building when it wasn't in use would also cause a problem.

Kyle Seidl, Fox Alley Apartments resident, said he usually isn't the type of person who puts much thought into safety precautions, but the idea of a tornado or other severe weather makes him uneasy. There is no basement at his residence.

"I live on the second floor of an apartment building with no where to go if a tornado comes lurking around the corner, except the bathtub, which I don't imagine that would do much anyway if my building was, in fact, hit," Seidl said.

The best thing to do if severe weather hits is to stay indoors, said Jeff Bradley, instructor of Geology and Geography at Northwest. Not only does Bradley teach meteorology and natural disasters classes over the summer, he is also a storm chaser and weather enthusiast.

Bradley said the safest way to avoid being caught in a tornado or severe storm is to watch the weather forecast in advance. In the case of a tornado, retreating to a basement or a room with no exterior walls is the safest place to be.

In mobile homes, where there may be no rooms such as this, it is best to find a neighbor's home or somewhere with a basement to go to before the tornado hits.

If this is not possible,

Bradley said it would probably be safer to be outside, lying flat in the ground, than being inside the mobile home.

On the ground there would be less wind resistance and less chance of being hit by debris. This should only be used as a last resort.

According to Bradley, lightning is also a major problem in severe weather and it can hit outside of a main storm.

As a general rule, if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.

The most important thing, Bradley said, in case of any storm, is to keep as low as possible wherever you are.

Keep to interior rooms, closets or bathrooms and stay away from windows and exterior walls.

To make a donation to the American Red Cross to help those affected, call (816) 232-8439, send your contribution to your local American Red Cross Chapter, 401 N. 12th St., St. Joseph, Mo., or go to Redcross.org.

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Fighting for another life

By Dennis Sharkey
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When Franchesca Alcantar prepared for her fight last Friday night, she had more than just her opponent on her mind.

She was also thinking about a girl named Ashley Martinez who has been missing from St. Joseph, Mo., for almost two years.

Alcantar sponsored Martinez as part of the "Fight for the Missing" Program started by the Child Seek Network and Krysti Rosario, the athlete representative on the National Board of Directors of U.S.A. Boxing.

When Alcantar fights later this month on ESPN in Oklahoma, she will sponsor another missing child from that area.

Rosario said she met Alcantar last year while commenting on TV for a boxing event Alcantar was participating in. She said after interviewing all of the fighters she felt comfortable with Alcantar and she approached her about sponsoring a missing person. The two exchanged numbers and e-mail and kept in touch over the next few months.

Rosario hooked Alcantar and Child Seek Network founder Judy Maher up together and decided on sponsoring Martinez.

Alcantar then got in touch with Martinez's mother, Tammy Navinsky.

The two met before the fight and Alcantar said she did not expect to feel the strong emotion she did even days afterwards.

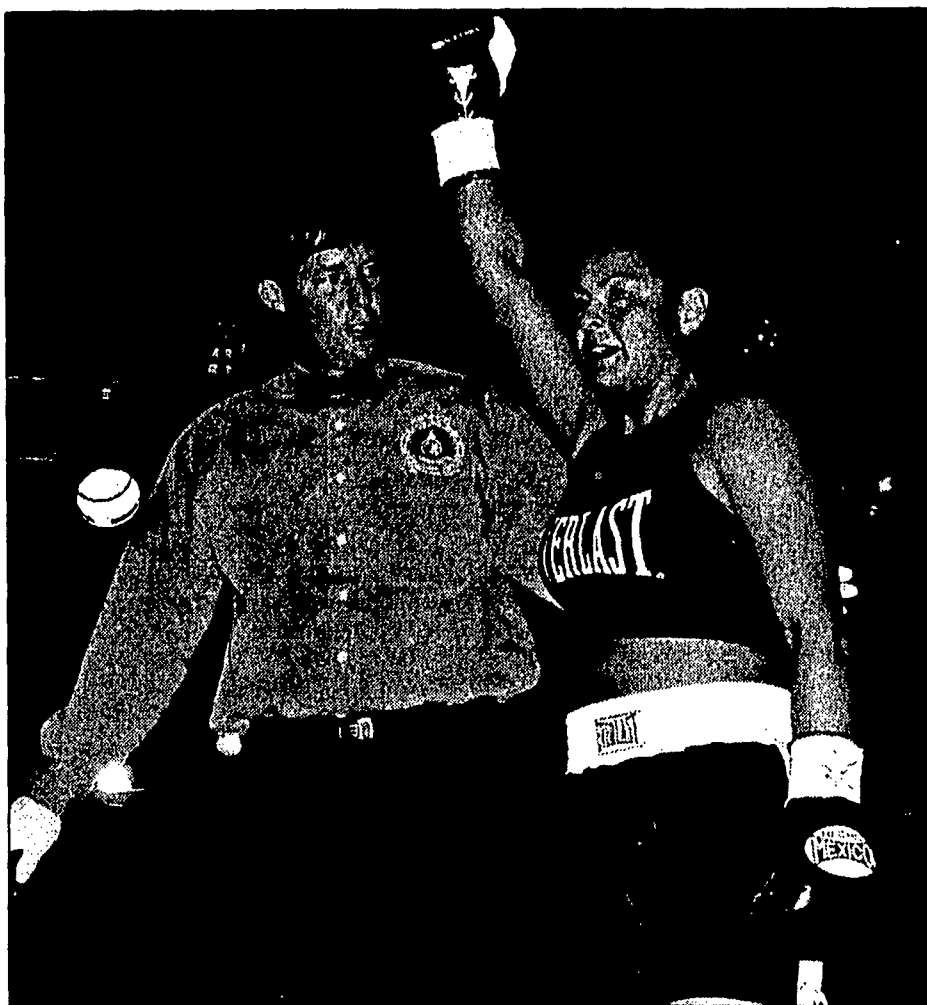
"What really got to me was seeing her little brother," Alcantar said. "It hit my heart and I still have his face in my mind."

Alcantar said the toughest part is feeling like she is leaving the family behind when she moves onto her next fight. Although it is tough, she thinks keeping close contact will help deal with some of her feelings.

"Just to move on is kind of weird," Alcantar said. "I'm just going to keep in touch with the family and find out if they have heard anything."

"I touched them and they touched me in my heart in a way I will never forget them. And I would like to know the answer to the history of Ashley Martinez."

Navinsky described Alcantar as an angel. She said it really takes a special person



FRANCHESCA ALCANTAR took her fight to help find Ashley Martinez to Young Country Q-104's morning show. She let show host Zeke Montana feel her muscles while telling a joke. Alcantar wore a button with Martinez's picture and the phone number to call with tips.

to go out of their way to help a stranger.

She said between the Child Seek Network and Alcantar, a million thanks would still not be enough to express her and her family's gratitude.

Navinsky met Alcantar in person for the first time before the fight Friday night.

After Alcantar knocked her opponent out in the second round she pointed her gloves towards the family.

"The feeling we had that night was amazing, it was a dream come true to have someone you don't even know help," Navinsky said. "It lets you know there are angels out there."

The Child Seek Network is a not-for-

profit organization that has been operating for about a year. Before it was something Maher did from her home for the last four years.

Maher said the goal of the organization is to keep the names and faces of missing people in the media. She said her organization does some things the police can not do. She said the organization helps by doing things like pushing the issue to police and community leaders, to other things like conducting searches or providing food and water to searchers.

"Anything we can do to keep them in the media," Maher said. "We just pick-up where the police leave off."



Ashley Martinez
missing since July 6, 2004
above: age 14
below: age 15



www.findashleymartinez.com
www.childseeknetwork.com

Sex: Female
Date of Birth: January 24, 1989
Age Now: 16
Missing Since: July 6, 2004
Height: 5'3"
Weight: 110 pounds
Eye Color: Blue
Hair Color: Sandy
Race: White
Missing City: St. Joseph
Missing State: Missouri
Identifying Characteristics: Ashley's tongue, nose, and ears are pierced. She also has a scar on her left arm.

If you would like to help or donate or help please contact Krysti Rosario bxingirl@aol.com



WINNING OUTSIDE the ring and finding missing children is just as important to Alcantar as beating her opponents inside the ring. Alcantar won on a technical knockout in the second round Friday night at the Beaumont Club in Kansas City, Mo., with Martinez's mother Tammy ringside.

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academic classrooms and offices.

Rather than restore the building to its original condition, President B.D. Owens and his administration decided to rebuild only parts of the structure that could be saved and expand campus to make up for the lost facilities.

This plan, which totaled more than \$13.8 million, resulted in the construction of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, B.D. Owens Library and the remodeling of Wells Library, (now Wells Hall), to house the radio station and additional academic space.

For many, the plan brought a hopeful outlook on the institution's future, which, immediately after the fire, did not look promising.

"I love the fact that we're at the Bell Tower and that the Administration Building is in the background, because there was a time when some of us thought that this would be a view we'd never see," said Board

of Regents vice president and commemoration ceremony emcee Rollie Stadlman. "That July night when the flames were shooting out of that building, we thought this might be the last night we'd ever see that grand old building."

"But here we are today, to commemorate and actually thank that grand old structure for all the wonderful and important parts of the history of Northwest Missouri State University that it has resided over."

A keynote address by Owens highlighted the program. His speech, titled "Our Heritage Remembered," discussed the importance of retelling the story of Northwest's difficult, but successful, rebirth.

"The storytelling theme really is important because, I guess, to some extent, the older we get the more we remember about our heritage and traditions, simply because our memory fades on the bad things and stays constant and very strong on the good

things," Owens said.

"The good things sometimes come with great difficulty, however. In the case of the resurrection of the Administration Building fire, that came with a great deal of heartache, tears and prayer."

Before the ceremony, attendees gathered on the first floor of the Administration Building to hear stories told by faculty and staff affected by the fire.

Visitors enjoyed refreshments while viewing photos from the fateful night, as well as a number of artifacts saved from the blaze.

Owens told the crowd Northwest's heritage could be related to Socrates' philosophy, "Teachers never know where their influence ends."

"Northwest is at a point in which it is indeed a teacher," Owens said. "It's a showplace for people to understand, and it will never know where its influence ends because Northwest's influence is just now getting started."

SUMMIT: Educators get chance to voice questions, concerns

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district, located around Belton, Mo., and people in rural districts like Lager's, believe property values are improperly assessed.

"The problem is it becomes a rural versus urban and suburban areas and it becomes a very selfish issue," Baker said. "A lot of the blame is on the assessors with the assessing issues. They have to be held accountable for their job—that's what it comes down to."

Baker and Lager agreed they wanted to see less money go to "brick and mortar" projects and more money go into textbooks or other curriculum supplements.

Baker currently co-sponsor's Senate Bill 912, formerly House Bill 1275, with Sen. Jack

Goodman, R-29, which would establish a virtual school by July 1, 2007.

The virtual school would allow elementary and secondary schools to purchase curriculum that could offer classes to students anywhere in the state.

According to Baker, this would help students who may not have access to a class in their own district, to take the class through another district as an online course.

"Technology offers us a unique opportunity to make any kid in the state of Missouri better educated," Baker said. "They (kids) use technology everyday...We believe it (the bill) will fly through the Senate and I think it will be a great opportunity and an efficient way to reach kids at home."

OWENS: Administration helped expand, reconstruct, remodel Northwest campus after fire

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represents just one of many things saved from the blaze with the help of the Owens administration, including the University itself.

Born and raised in Grant City, Mo., Owens and his family moved to St. Joseph, Mo. during World War II, but returned to their dairy farm once the war was over.

As a youth Owens looked up to his parents, grandparents, teachers and coaches, all of who, according to him, taught him about values, patience and appreciating the outdoors.

Owens once dreamed of becoming a Trans World Airlines pilot, but his mother urged him instead to go to Northwest. He graduated as student body president in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and an economics minor.

He met his wife, Sue, an elementary and secondary education major from Maitland, Mo., while at the University. They married in 1957 and had two sons, Brent and Kevin.

After graduating, Owens enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia where he earned his Ph.D. in economics. He spent several years working as an assistant professor, professor and vice president at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, before becoming president of the University of Tampa in 1971. At 36, he was the youngest university president in the United States at the time.

Then, in 1977, Owens was asked to return

to his alma mater to serve as president. He had just signed another contract to remain president at the University of Tampa and the decision to move back to Maryville was tough.

"It wasn't an easy decision because the first winter back was the worst one in recorded history," Sue said.

"And then the next one was even worse," Owens added.

However, the family decided the Maryville community would be the best place for Brent and Kevin, at the time still in school. They also considered Owens' position as president a token of their appreciation for what Northwest gave them nearly two decades before.

"We also examined what Northwest had done for us to help us set the platform for our lives," Sue said. "The more we thought about it, the more sense it made to come back here and give something back."

Arriving on campus, Owens noticed the institution showed signs of a significant decline in student enrollment. Thus, he made it one of his first goals to improve the student recruitment program, to "get the good word out about Northwest." In addition, Owens and his administration began research on alternative energy sources to fuel the campus and end the University's expensive dependency on petroleum-based fuels. This eventually led to the establishment of the campus's wood-to-energy plant, which operates to this day.

However, according to Owens these first

goals "had to be put on a shelf," when the Administration Building caught fire two summers later. The family was eating dinner in the Gaunt House when they first realized something was wrong. They ran outside to find Northwest's second oldest structure ablaze.

"It was something you couldn't believe. The longer we watched, the worse it got," Sue said.

From that moment on, the fire became a large part of the family's life for years to come.

"I'd packed my briefcase for a two week working vacation," Owens said. "No vacation occurred for the next three or four years."

When the smoke cleared, several academic departments, Deerwester Theatre and the University's public radio station were completely demolished.

Yet Owens, unlike other spectators on the night of the fire, never thought the event would signal the end of Northwest.

"I never ever felt that would occur," Owens said.

The administration's first priority was to do all it could so academic life would not be interrupted.

"We had a task ahead of us—a big task," Owens said, "...and not much time to do it."

In addition, the Missouri government contemplated shutting down the University and making Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph the sole university in northwest Missouri, Owens said. Northwest would become a prison.

Despite the wishes of alumni, Owens decided against restoring the Administration Building exactly as it was before.

"I didn't want to do that because it would put us right back in the same situation we were

in before—still too concentrated on one facility," Owens said.

"Part of this plan for coming out of the fire, my logic, was that if we can accomplish this objective, then no one will ever be able to talk about this institution becoming a prison. It'll totally wipe out any of those considerations."

Owens and his administration put together a \$13.8 million proposal for the 1980 Missouri General Assembly. The measure passed, and Northwest began construction on the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and B.D. Owens Library. The Administration Building and Wells Hall, the library's former home, were remodeled.

Sue, who said her No. 1 role during the reconstruction period was to support her husband, acknowledged one person she felt helped Northwest turn its tragedy into triumph.

"The good Lord," she said. "It wouldn't have been possible without that."

Owens retired from Northwest in 1984 as President Emeritus.

He and Sue currently reside in Clearwater, Fla. Owens went back to work as interim president at the St. Matthew's University School of Medicine campuses in Windham, Me. and the Cayman Islands. He retired again this February.

Owens will deliver the spring commencement address at St. Matthew's later this month. He estimates it will be his 65th graduation ceremony, but said he has enjoyed every one of them.

"Each is exciting because that's the epitome of recognizing achievement," Owens said.

"The biggest joy I always got from being a university president, and still do, is seeing all those people go across the stage. That, by far, is the most gratifying thing I can think of."



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Greek Week Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Greek Week begins on Sunday, but Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. is the Greek Week Classic Golf Tournament.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Greek Olympiad begins at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Bell Tower with a torch run.

The Greek Feast follows, and games start at noon.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Zeus and Hera Talent Contest, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

Bowl-a-thon, 9:30-11:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Burger King Night, 5-8 p.m.

5K run/walk, 6:45 p.m., Bearcat Stadium.

Recreation Night, 8-10 p.m., Recreation Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Co-ed flag football, 4 p.m., intramural fields

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Greek Sing, 6 p.m., Bearcat Arena

"Capture the flag" following Greek Sing, Memorial Bell Tower

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Chris Cakes/water balloon fight, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Memorial Bell Tower

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Awards ceremony, 7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

Greek Sing tradition continues on campus

By Brett Barger
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It has been a year since the lights at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center went out ending the Greek Sing and bringing Greek Week to a screeching halt.

The calamity began during the Zeus and Hera competition, when some of the contestants displayed objectionable performances.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, said some of the performances simulated sex acts and some explicit sexual commentary.

"There were some things at the time we thought were a little questionable in terms of their appropriateness," he said. "We met with the Greek leaders and suggested that they reconsider some of the outrageous behavior."

Porterfield said there were conversations earlier in the week about preventing the behavior.

"What we suggested earlier in the week was that they work with the chapters to make sure that they can have fun, but observe some appropriate boundaries," he said. "Unfortunately, some of the things that happened during the Greek Sing were just inappropriate. We felt that we'd appropriately warned and we talked about those things, and felt it was in the best interest just to stop it right there."

The events suspended last year are scheduled for this year's celebration.

Porterfield said he does not expect any problems this year and has nothing but praise for the Greek staff and their planning.

"I think the planning has been good," he said. "I'm sure that's fresh on everybody's minds that this happened. I think Julie Moore has done a terrific job for the Greek staff and I am really optimistic that its going to be a great week."

Jeremiah Lawson, assistant director of campus activities, refused to comment as of press time.



ERIC HARBIN, Delta Chi, and Sarah Bryant, Alpha Sigma Alpha, take the stage as 2004's Zeus and Hera. However, due to problems with Theta in 2005, the remainder of Greek Week was cancelled.

Greek Week guide

Greek Week: April 8-14

Greek awards ceremony: 7 p.m., April 7, at the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Theme: 'It's a Greek Thang'

Rules and Regulations:

The entire week of activities must be alcohol free. Any participants caught using alcohol will be disqualified.

Judging will be based upon a point system determining first through third place.

Banners: Must be on a twin size white bed sheet. Four feet of rope must be attached to the top corners of the banner for hanging.

The banner must be weighted at the top and bottom by two pieces of one x one boards reaching the full width.

Banners must be in two-dimensional format with a thickness of no more than 1/4 inch off of the sheet. Any banner not following this will be disqualified. Banners must remain positive, no negative or demeaning remarks.

No alcohol or party remarks and/or references. Must have letters presented and visible. Banners will be judged on color, originality and creativity, association of the theme, and overall neatness. Judging will be held on Thursday.

Zeus and Hera nomination: Participants will be judged on talent, toga wear and a question and answer session. The winners will be asked to attend all the remaining events scheduled for the week.

Chalk Draw: First come, first serve pick of concrete out front of the Union/Belltower. Only sidewalk chalk can be used. Drawing must keep to the theme of Greek Week and must stay within one area of concrete. Chalk draw is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with judging from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Greek Sing: Organizations must keep routines clean and positive.

No alcohol, party or demeaning references. Main focus should promote the achievements of the school year.

Information contributed by Greek Life office.



with Sigma Kappa President Ashlee Freeman and Panhellenic Council President, Katie Brown

This year's Greek Sing will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, at Bearcat Arena.

Q. How soon did you start to practice for your routine and how often do you rehearse?

A. We started one week before spring break and now have practice three to four times a week. We go over choreography and words. It's hard when you have a big organization; you have to have many practices so everyone knows what is going on.

Q. What is your favorite memory of Greek Sing?

A. It would have to be the feedback from the audience when you are on stage, whether it is a joke that was just made or a difficult dance move. You just feed off the crowd's every reaction. They sit on the edge of their seat to see what will be said next.

Q. What is the funniest memory you have?

A. There isn't just one funny part. It's just funny to have either people talk about your organization and see how their views compare to what you think about it.

Q. Is there a set theme you have?

A. There is no set theme. We are acknowledging more of people's accomplishments and achievements over the year and keeping it positive.

CHALKDRAW



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIAN

IN 2004, Delta Chi's Daniel Whitacre and Tyler maple draw on the concrete surrounding the Bell Tower. Chalk draw is one event where all fraternity and sorority members participate together.

Greek housing history

By Sean Comer
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Some homes of Northwest's Greek community have personalities as distinctive as the men and women who inhabit them.

In some instances, former classmates just decide not to leave. According to *Prarieghosts.com*, Roberta Steel has supposedly haunted the residence hall bearing her name, Roberta Hall, for decades, since her death in 1952 from injuries suffered in the explosion of a nearby gas tank.

According to *Shadowlands.com*, students have reported doors opening, lights shutting off and TVs and radios turned down by no one—though believers usually attribute it to Roberta's ghost wanting peace and quiet.

Similarly, brothers of Delta Chi have their own unofficial house guest. According to Delta Chi Chapter President T.J. McGinnis, the Townsend family, who built "The House" at 229 W. Second St. in 1890, lost their

daughter Lillian at a young age and held the visitation in their home. Legend says Lillian's father found her casket empty the next morning.

Stories have circulated through the years of visits from the little girl's ghost. Senior Scott Griffin heard a story from his cousin, a Northwest Delta Chi, about a Delta Chi who found Lillian hovering above his sleeping body one night. Griffin himself claims he and another Delta Chi heard a little girl's turnbox—an antique toy—coming from the catacombs beneath the house while doing laundry in the basement.

"Sometimes you see a little girl running around in the basement out of the corner of your eye, and you just tell yourself 'I didn't see anything' and get out of there as fast as you can," Griffin said.

On a less eerie note, prior to becoming the Delta Chi home, "The House" has also housed a few notable personalities: former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited in

1933 and was impressed by the third-floor ballroom, calling the Townsend Estate one of her favorites. In the 1940s, big-band legends Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller both performed in the legendary ballroom.

Northwest's chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon actually now reside in their second home. In 1996, fire destroyed the original TKE house at 222 W. Cooper St. Three years later, TKE moved into its current home at 555 W. Ninth St. Northwest's chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa recently completed renovations to clear fire safety standards for their own house across from Bearcat Stadium.

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TRI SIGMA member Andrea Hastert gets smashed with a water balloon by Northwest sophomore Micah Schmidt at the "Jumping for Robbie" philanthropy event held April 5 outside the Union. This event was scheduled this week because Greek Week is so busy. From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Members took turns jumping on a trampoline and getting water balloons thrown at them. Robbie Page's mother was a Tri Sigma and was afflicted with polio.

Greek Week Philanthropy

Each year fraternities and sororities choose a single philanthropy to adopt during Greek Week.

This year Northwest Greek Life has chosen SSM Hospice and Home Care, that provides assistance and other services to the seriously ill and dying regardless of ability to pay.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Bowl-A-Thon
Bearcat Lanes
9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Burger King
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
A percentage of all sales will go towards helping the hospice.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

5K Walk/Run
Bearcat Stadium
Registration starts at 6:45 p.m. at the Fourth Street Entrance.
\$10 per person
For \$1 people can buy illuminated bags to be displayed on the last leg of the race.

GREEK ALPHABET

A Alpha (al-fah)	B Beta (bay-tah)	Γ Gamma (gam-ah)	Δ Delta (del-ta)	E Epsilon (ep-si-lon)	Z Zeta (zay-tah)	H Eta (ay-tah)	Θ Theta (thay-tah)	I Iota (eye-o-tah)	K Kappa (cap-pah)	Λ Lambda (lamb-dah)	M Mu (mew)
N Nu (new)	Ξ Xi (zie)	Ο Omicron (om-e-cron)	Π Pi (pie)	Ρ Rho (roe)	Σ Sigma (sig-mah)	T Tau (taw)	Υ Upsilon (up-si-lon)	Φ Phi (fie)	X Chi (kie)	Ψ Psi (sigh)	Ω Omega (oh-may-gah)

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ALSUP EARNS HONOR

Northwest men's track and field coach Richard Alsop was named co-MIAA Indoor Track and Field of the Year Monday. **see 2B**

BASEBALL LOSES AGAIN

The Northwest baseball team fell again. This time to No. 6 Emporia State at home Wednesday. **see 3B**

SUNTEN NAMED COACH

Northwest graduate Steph Sunken is leaving her duties as head volleyball coach at Maryville High School and becoming an assistant for the Bearcats. **see 2B**

FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE ENDS SPRING SEASON

The Northwest football team will have a controlled scrimmage at 3 p.m., Sunday at Bearcat Stadium. The scrimmage is open to the public, and marks the end of the spring practice season.

Local

'HOUNDS SHUT OUT

The Bishop LeBlond boys' tennis team hosted the Maryville Spoothounds Tuesday afternoon and held them scoreless, 9-0. The 'Hounds now play at 4:30 p.m. (starting with the junior varsity) in St. Joseph, Mo.

SOCCER GRABS VICTORY

The Maryville girls soccer team defeated visiting Auburn High School Tuesday afternoon 2-0. **see 3B**

State

TAX PASSES IN K.C.

Jackson County voters passed a 3/8 cent sales tax on Tuesday that will give the Royals and Chiefs \$425 million over 25 years to renovate Kauffman and Arrowhead Stadiums.

ROYALS STRUGGLING

The Kansas City Royals kicked off their season on Monday against the Detroit Tigers, dropping the home opener 3-1. They fell to 0-2 on the season, losing 14-3 on Wednesday.

CARDS OFF TO FAST START

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 Wednesday, jumping out to a 2-0 record on the season. They also won Monday, 13-5.

WIZARDS GRAB FIRST WIN

The Kansas City Wizards kicked off the 2006 soccer season at Arrowhead Stadium on Saturday grabbing a 3-1 win over the Columbus Crew.

BLUES ON THE VERGE

With a record of 20-40-13 the St. Louis Blues are eight games away from missing the NHL playoffs for the first time in 25 years.

National

REDICK RECEIVES AWARD

J.J. Redick received the NCAA Player of the Year Award on Friday. Redick averaged 26.8 points per game.

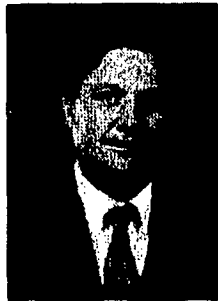
THE GREEN JACKET

The Masters will take place this weekend at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. It will be an emotional tournament for Tiger Woods who will be playing for his father who is struggling with cancer.

Coach doesn't make cut

Tappmeyer's attempt for Southeast Missouri State position ends

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Steve Tappmeyer
Northwest basketball coach

Northwest men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer won't be going home.

Well, at least not as a head coach for his alma mater, Southeast Missouri State University.

SEMO announced

Monday their three finalists for the vacant head basketball coach position and Tappmeyer wasn't on the list.

"You'd like to think you're the guy that can get it done there,"

Tappmeyer said. "It's a tough move for somebody to go from Division II to a Division I job. I think I'm confident, I think the rest of our league's coaches' confident that there as good as coaches in that league as there are in our league. But it's like anything else the close you get to the top the more challenging it gets."

Though Tappmeyer, a native of Gerald, Mo., did not make the list, he is now glad he can turn his full attention back to Northwest basketball.

"Whichever way I went I was

ready for it to be over," he said. "... Your focus is split between that and what you need to be doing here. I sure don't want it to hurt our team's chances of competing. I don't think it has. I think we wanted to have some time away from it but we're ready to get to work."

The job came open at SEMO after the school decided not to extend Gary Garner's contract. Garner had previously been a Division II coach at Fort Hayes State University and he made the jump from Division I without any previous experience.

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Fight sparks rumors

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An ongoing investigation continues on an assault at The World Famous Outback on 400 N. Buchanan early Sunday morning.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood confirmed that two Northwest football players, which he wouldn't identify, were victims of the assault.

Wood said there are three possible suspects, all from "out of town."

He said this wasn't the first incident caused by people from out of town.

"In the past couple of months those from a school not very far from here have attempted to cause problems," Wood said. "... And we're not very excited about it."

Wood said that the incident was related to "a rivalry (that) exists with another school not very far from here."

Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma said he has addressed his team about the situation.

"I'm aware of it (the incident)," Tjeerdsma said. "... It's been opened and closed as far as I'm concerned."

Tjeerdsma said that as far as he knows these incidents have not occurred on a regular basis.

"Not to my knowledge," he said. "... It's my job to deal with that and make sure that it doesn't happen again."

Ashley Goff said she was at the Outback during the incident. According to Goff, the incident involved Missouri Western football players and Northwest football players. She says that Northwest football players Diezeas Calbert and Darrell Clark were injured during the fight, which she says happened on the dance floor.

"It started from talking," Goff said.

Allegedly Calbert received 16 stitches, 14 to his lip and two in his eye at St. Francis Hospital, according to Goff.

Calbert, Goff's boyfriend, refused to comment.

Goff also said that Clark received a concussion from a blow to his head and sought treatment at the University Health Center.

Outback owner Anthony Campobasso said pushing and shoving occurred at approximately 12:45 a.m. Sunday. Campobasso said he was in the main doorway that goes into the dance floor during the time of the incident.

Campobasso said he couldn't really tell what happened since he was away from the incident, but said the pushing and shoving occurred on the dance floor.

"It gets pretty crowded, it's

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Rolling Along



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIAN

NORTHWEST INFILDER Katy John fouls off a pitch on Tuesday afternoon as the Bearcats swept the double header against Lincoln. The 'Cats have won 18 of their last 19 games.

Softball team continues hot streak with series sweep of Blue Tigers

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The Northwest softball team has been sizzling, winning seven straight games and 18 of 19 overall.

"I think it's a conglomeration of all the games that we've been playing lately," senior Ashley Pride said. "We've been hitting the ball consistently and our pitching has been really consistent. Hopefully all those wins we've gotten in the last two, three weeks will carry us into the rest of the conference season."

Tuesday, No. 18 Northwest (23-7, 2-4 MIAA) played host to Lincoln University (5-17), who is in its first year of affiliation in NCAA Division II competition. The Bearcats welcomed the Blue Tigers with a 5-1 victory in the first game and an 8-2 victory in the second game.

Northwest coach Susan Anderson was impressed by the team's offensive output.

"For the most part, it was a great day offensively," Anderson said. "Any day that you can come away with hitting seven home runs, I am not going to complain by that, especially when we're the ones doing it."

In the first game, sophomore Kelly Morris (7-4) pitched a complete game, allowing one run on three hits, while striking out a career high 12, one shy of the school record. Morris had a perfect game going into the fifth when Lincoln shortstop Lesley Osborne broke it up with a single.

"Kelly Morris pitched extremely well," Anderson said. "We got a great pitching performance from her."

The Northwest bats managed only one hit through two innings, but with two outs in the third, senior Katy John belted a solo home run to right center for a 1-0 lead.

After a walk by junior Lindsay Stephenson, Pride hit a two-run homer to put the 'Cats up 3-0. In the bottom of the fourth, sophomore Crystal Gustin added two more to the scoreboard with a two-run shot to left field.

In game two, Lincoln temporarily solved their scoring woes when Osborne hit a two-run homer in the top of the first.

Junior Talina Canon (5-1), who gave up the home run, struggled with location problems in the first, but pitched lights out for four innings—striking out six.

"Canon did a nice job," Anderson said. "I don't think she had all of her stuff that she normally does, but she

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Home meet brings records, injuries to Bearcats

Sprinter's season on the edge after hamstringing injury; mens' team finishes second overall at invite

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It's a shame Northwest sprinter Keelen Green couldn't have just ran 50 meters Saturday.

While Green was running in the 100-meter dash at the Northwest Invitational at Herschel Neil Track Saturday afternoon, he felt pain in his hamstring about 50 meters into the race.

"He felt it, he grabbed for it, then he heard this guy coming up on him and he tried to run again—which probably wasn't a good idea," Northwest track coach Richard Alsop said.

Earlier in the day, Green anchored

the 4x100 meter relay team to a first place finish. However, the pulled hamstring could put Green on the sidelines for at least 2 to 3 weeks, possibly the whole season, Alsop said.

That seemed to be one of the few negative things from Saturday's meet as the mens' team finished second, while the women finished fourth.

The mens' team won four events. The 4x100 meter relay team of E.J. Hawkins, Sheldon Cook, Green and Karrington Rogers won their race with a time of 41.71 seconds. Bayo Adio won the high jump with a mark of 6'10 3/4."

Diezeas Calbert broke the school

record in the triple jump, placing first with a mark of 49'11 1/2."

Both Calbert and Adio provisionally qualified for the national meet in May.

Eric Isley also won his event, finishing the 800-meter run in 1:53.12.

Seven other individuals or teams placed in the top three in their respective events.

Though Alsop is pleased with his team, he said there is always room for improvement.

"I think track is more a matter of improving throughout the year versus we want to be more outstanding and efficient in basketball per

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BAYO ADIO participated in the high jump in the Northwest invitational track and field meet on Saturday afternoon. Adio won the high jump event.



NORTHWEST'S SHELDON COOK sprints off after receiving the baton in the 4x100 meter relay on Saturday. Northwest won that race, while the men finished second overall.

PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIAN

TRACK: Mens' and womens' squad finish well at home meet

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game," Alsup said. "... We're about getting in shape and the better our conditioning the more confidence we have in running a little bit harder. So it's just all about the progression."

On the womens' side, Northwest track coach Scott Lorek was pretty pleased at how his team did.

"I can see some things kind of starting to gel," Lorek said. "I can see some

really good performances out of some people are going to come soon. So I think things are real positive."

Freshman Hannah Henry finished second in the 100-meter hurdles. The 4x800 meter relay team finished second and freshman Halley Carlson set a personal record high jump with a mark of 5'4 1/4" to tie for second in the event.

Abby Disselhoff finished third in the hammer throw to round up the four top-three finishes for the Bearcats.

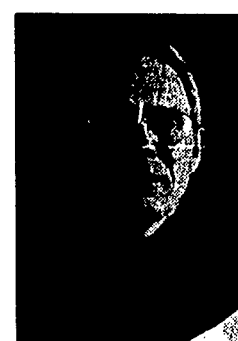
Lorek said there have been more injuries than he's used to this year and said it is a tough thing to work around. He said that it's tough to draw a line between training and not pushing the runners too much.

"It's such a tricky thing on where that line is and not to go over it and stay on the right side of it," Lorek said.

Both teams will compete this Friday and Saturday at the Concordia Invitational in Seward, Neb.

Alsup receives coaching honor

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Richard Alsup
Northwest Track Coach

Northwest mens' track and field coach Richard Alsup might have to find more room on the wall for all his coaching awards soon.

Alsup received another award Friday when the MIAA announced Alsup as Co-Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year along with Central Missouri State's Kirk Pedersen and Kip Janvrin.

It was the fifth time that Alsup has been named coach of the year by the conference.

"That was a nice surprise," Alsup said. "All of that just reflects what our kids are accomplishing."

This one is a little more pleasing for Alsup after he said his team was picked to finish fifth or sixth in the conference.

The team finished second overall, just behind CMSU.

Alsup, a native of Tarkio, Mo., has been coaching track at Northwest since 1985. He is also a Northwest graduate.

Alsup, who also coaches mens' cross country, has coached over 30 All-Americans in his time at Northwest.

Colleague Scott

Lorek, the Northwest womens' track and field coach, said the honor was well deserved.

"I think coach Alsup has just really brought a great group together," Alsup said. "The guys had a lot of enthusiasm and I'm totally happy for him and excited for him to get that."

Alsup said that he has learned now throughout all his years coaching that most coaches go through some things he does.

"The first time I got one of those I thought I was the greatest coach that ever lived," Alsup said. "But you know what I think most coaches work hard and go through the same things that I do ... If you just had the key to how to get your kids to psychologically want to just really be the best that they can you could bottle that formula."

SOFTBALL: Ranked 'Cats continue hot streak after sweep

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still survived, so that says a lot about her."

Freshman Cola Krueger replaced Canon in the sixth, striking out three to close out the game for her second save of the season.

Pride was a one-woman wrecking machine hitting a couple of two-run homers. She now has 11 home runs on the season, breaking the school record of 10 that she tied in 2005 along with Angie McCoy in the 2002 season.

She finished the double-header 3-for-6 with three

home runs and six RBI's.

"I don't think you can ever plan to have a day like this," Pride said. "This is definitely one of the best hitting days I have ever had."

In the bottom of the sixth, Lincoln head coach Lori Reyes was ejected for arguing with the official from the dugout, when a Lincoln runner was called out for leaving first base early.

"I guess he took it as a demeaning thing for me to get after him," Reyes said. "That's part of the game to get heckled and its not like I cussed him out or anything. I

just told him it was a terrible call and I do not agree with it and that making that call wasn't going to make any difference."

After the ejection there was a 15-minute delay, so the officials could determine if the team, who did not have an assistant coach at the game, would be able to finish.

The game ended with the school's volunteer bus driver coaching the team for the remainder of the game.

Under NCAA rules, a team without a coach can pass on duties to a member of the team.

The 'Cats continue their three-game home stand 2:30 p.m. Friday for a game against Central Missouri State, a team that the 'Cats defeated 10-5 Feb. 25. Central Missouri State is currently second in the MIAA with a 5-1 mark.

"We just have to be ready for Central," Anderson said. "Central is a team that will always keep coming after you. Even if you jump on them early, they're just going to stay there right with you. We just need to have that same mentality for Central and SBU (Southwest Baptist) coming into the conference games."

Suntken keeps moving on up

Former Bearcat becomes assistant

By Cali Arnold
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Steph Suntken is moving up the coaching ladder more quickly than she ever expected.

Previously a two-year letter winner for the volleyball team at Northwest in 2003 and 2004 and the head coach for Maryville High School in 2005, Suntken was named the assistant volleyball coach at Northwest Monday.

"I feel she (Suntken) has a lot of potential at the college level," Northwest head coach Anna Tool said. "Her experience in coaching and playing will help our program."

Suntken is looking forward to her work both on and off the court. Not only will she be leading and even participating in drills at practice, she will also have responsibilities in travel and recruiting. Originating from central Iowa (Indianola), Suntken believes her familiarity with many clubs and major schools will help with the recruiting process.

She will be evaluating student athletes and be involved with visits to the campus.

As a senior at Northwest, Suntken earned Honorable



Steph Suntken
Assistant Volleyball Coach

Mention All-Mid America Intercollegiate Athletics Association honors. In 2004, she was second on her team in blocks (107) and fourth in kills per game (2.55).

At the end of her senior season she was ranked fourth on the career block assists per game list (0.71) and seventh on the total blocks per game list (0.92).

The same year she was named team captain and was mentioned on the Academic All-MIAA team.

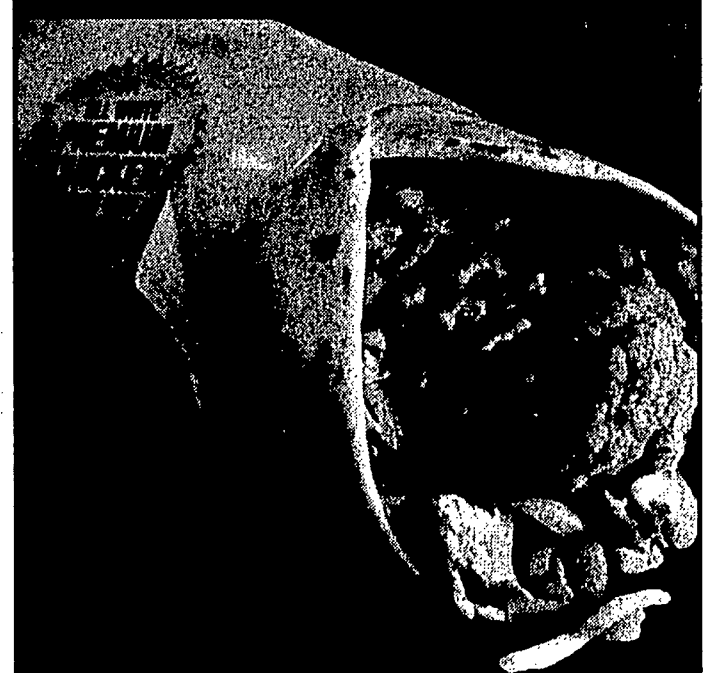
Her playing career also included the 2000 and 2001 volleyball seasons at Iowa State University.

She also was a champion in the 800 meters during her track career at Northwest.

"This is a great career opportunity, stepping up wise," Suntken said. "Not many people get the chance in one year to become a coach at the college level."

Suntken begins her duties as assistant coach officially Aug. 1.

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MARYVILLE FORWARD Dana DeMott takes a shot on goal at the game against Auburn Tuesday night. DeMott scored the only goal in the first half.

Defense shuts down Bulldogs

By Meagan Murphy
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The Maryville girls' soccer team kicked out a 2-0 shutout against the Auburn Bulldogs this past Tuesday, at the Maryville Middle School.

Maryville's stingy defense caused problems for Auburn the entire game. The Bulldogs were unable to penetrate the Spoofhounds' defense enough to score.

In the first half both teams remained scoreless, it was in the second the 'Hounds pulled things together and knocked in their two goals. 'Hounds senior Dana DeMott was responsible for both goals.

'Hounds senior Liz Logsdon was especially tough for the Bulldogs to move past.

When Auburn was able to move into scoring position, they were continuously stopped by 'Hounds goalie, Liz Fulton. Fulton had been injured in the game against Platte County last week. If she was still in pain, she did not show it.

"She was ready to play as hard...she always gives her very best. There wasn't too much of a challenge for her yesterday...she was capable of handling what came to her," Maryville head coach Bayo Oludaja said.

It was tough for the Bulldogs to stop the 'Hounds from moving into scoring positions. The 'Hounds had plenty of chances to score and made several attempts. The Bulldogs goalie was the main reason the 'Hounds were kept at only two goals.

Field conditions affected by the recent rain showers made play a little more difficult especially for some of the defensive players.

"We were kind of having a bad day...it was hard to get a good foot on the ball, but I think if the field had been different we would have done better," Logsdon said.

Many of last years key players graduated, leaving the 'Hounds with a team that needed time to grow together and learn each others' strengths and weaknesses. Demott, one of the 'Hounds six seniors, feels that they are progressing strongly as a team and are achieving the goal of teamwork.

A very aggressive Smithville will be more of a challenge for Maryville. Friday Maryville will take on Smithville in the Excelsior Springs tournament.

"Last year I think they were pretty much equal competition, but they were really rough...I think if we take a good look at stuff we should be alright," Logsdon said.

'Cats get stung twice

By Andrew Glover
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The Northwest baseball team struggled to find tempo Wednesday against No. 6 Emporia State.

Northwest hoped to extend their winning streak after getting their first sweep of the season Monday against Truman State in Kirksville, Mo.

The struggles began early for the Bearcats as they only managed three hits off Hornet starting pitcher Toro Trevino.

"Our approach stays the same, any pitcher, any situation. All we're trying to do is hit the ball hard," Northwest coach Darin Loe said. "In today's game we just didn't hit enough balls hard, and that's why we got beat and only scored three runs on the day."

Northwest dropped the first game 2-0 and ended the day losing 6-3.

Starting pitching was a bright spot for the 'Cats, Mark Lewis kept the score close and gave his team an opportunity in the first game going all seven innings.

"That's the first key to getting back on the right track—is getting good pitching and I thought we got very good pitching all day," Loe said. "They came up with the big hits, good teams come up with big hits when they need them."

Loe was also very impressed with the outing redshirt freshman Ben Malick had in today's games. Malick garnered the third base position for both games, including the second game on Monday against Truman State.



NORTHWEST'S BRITT WESTMAN gathers himself after he collided with his brother, and teammate, Ryley Westman (above) during Wednesday's game against Emporia State.

"Ben did a great job, he got quality at-bats and made all the plays his way, he's doing a nice job out there being just a freshman," Loe said. "He's one of the good ones of our future."

Northwest started to battle back late in game one but could not do quite enough to grab the victory.

The story was much of the same in the second game as Northwest struggled

to pull together any type of offense for most of the game. The first run for Northwest on the day didn't come until the seventh inning in the second game when Coons sent one over the left-field fence.

Northwest (9-16) looks to get back on track as they travel to Joplin, Mo., to play Missouri Southern starting at 7 p.m. Friday for a three-day, four-game set.

'Hounds pull off victory

By Sam Robinson
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The Maryville Spoofhounds' baseball team broke into the win column Tuesday night with a tight victory over Lafayette.

The young 'Hounds squad withstood a seventh inning rally by the Irish as a controversial call at home plate went their way, giving the team a 7-6 win.

The 'Hounds stumbled out of the dugout, committing multiple errors in the field and the lineup being retired in order on its first time through at the plate. Coach Brian Lohafer feared he was seeing a repeat of the first four games

with his team's slow start.

"The first three innings we had nine guys go to the plate, all of them hit but we didn't get the ball out of the infield," Lohafer said.

As the Irish led 3-0 after three innings, the game, and potentially the momentum of the season, according to Lohafer, changed. Shortstop Adam Mattson, the lone freshman in the starting lineup, blasted a grand slam to ignite a five run surge in the fourth. The home run was Mattson's first of his career and the first of the season for the 'Hounds.

After Lafayette's three runs early in the game, Maryville pitcher Matt Blackney settled down and pitched

three consecutive scoreless innings heading into the seventh.

In the final inning, with the aid of three additional Maryville errors, Lafayette ripped off three quick runs to cut the deficit to one before Maryville could record an out. Cory Cronk relieved Blackney on the mound and retired a batter as Lafayette had the tying and winning runs in scoring position.

The last at-bat served up some controversy. Lafayette hit a fly ball to the center-fielder for the second out while the runner on third attempted to tag and score. The throw was mishandled by the catcher, leaving the

runner safe for the tying run. The Maryville coaching staff appealed, claiming that the runner had left third base prematurely on the play. The appeal was upheld, giving the 'Hounds the win.

This brings the team's record to 1-4 on the season with a game at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Cameron. Lohafer believes the game will be a tough one to pull out.

"Cameron's very good. They've got a lot of good athletes down there," Lohafer said. "They won the state in football, won the state in wrestling and almost won it in basketball and they have already beat Lafayette and Savannah."

FIGHT: Ongoing investigation looks into incident at bar

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hard to really fight," Campobasso said. "... Was a punch thrown? Yeah, I'm sure things happened.

Campobasso said his bouncers then moved the crowd out of the establishment. After the incident was moved outside Campobasso wasn't sure what happened.

Wood said Maryville Public Safety officers were in the area when they crowd began to spill out in the street.

The officers and members of the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department and Missouri State Highway Patrol helped break up the fight, according to Wood.

Wood would not verify whether the suspects were members of the Missouri Western football team, as

rumors had been suggesting.

"I've heard rumors they were Missouri Western football players," Campobasso said.

Missouri Western football coach Jerry Partridge and Missouri Western athletic director Mark Linder could not be reached for comment.

Wood hoped to end the investigation soon but said the investigation depended on the accessibility of the suspects.

Even if the victims decide not to press charges, that Maryville Public Safety would probably pursue other charges on their own, according to Wood.

Wood also added that Maryville Public Safety didn't "intend to tolerate" much more of these problems.

TAPPMAYER: Northwest coach doesn't make final list for job

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The three finalists for the Division I job are Scott Edgar, current assistant at the University of Tennessee, former Mississippi coach Rod Barnes and former assistant basketball at the University of Missouri Jay Spoonhour.

SEMO Athletic Director Dave Kaverman met with possible candidates over the last month. SEMO officials met with

Tappmeyer this past weekend at the Final Four in Indianapolis. Kaverman could not be reached for comment.

SEMO will make a decision on their new head coach in the next two weeks.

Tappmeyer enters his 19th season as Northwest's head coach and 23rd overall with the school. Prior to becoming the head coach in 1988, Tappmeyer served as an assistant for the Bearcats from 1981-1985.

Tappmeyer is the all-time winningest

coach in Northwest men's basketball history with 348 wins.

Now with the suspense over, Tappmeyer hopes to continue the success he has had at Northwest.

"I told our team 'I think for us to be able to be a good team next year we've got to add some of the right pieces,' but probably the most important thing is we have to build on where we're at with the returning players," Tappmeyer said.

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mately nine hours.

Your Man has become more sluggish and uninspired than...sorry, Your Man had to check his Facebook. What was he saying?

Oh yeah, sluggish and uninspired. Your Man thinks that must be a song about college.

You can see this when the droves of students pour into their classes wearing pajama pants and a hoodie.

Your Man is not one of those people. His sluggishness comes in the form of procrastination until there is no other option but to work. He thinks it's probably worse than dressing like a collegiate hobo.

Your Man applauds the non-sluggish and the inspired, and he has a toast for them.

"To the active and inspired students of Northwest, stop making the rest of us look bad. Thanks."

Your Man calls upon all of the students afflicted with some form of laziness, whether academic or other-

wise, to raise their glasses high and put off that paper a little bit longer.

Yes, the uninspired masses know the real world waits beyond the doors of Northwest, but they also know that it's kind of lame to work ahead in class, even one hour ahead.

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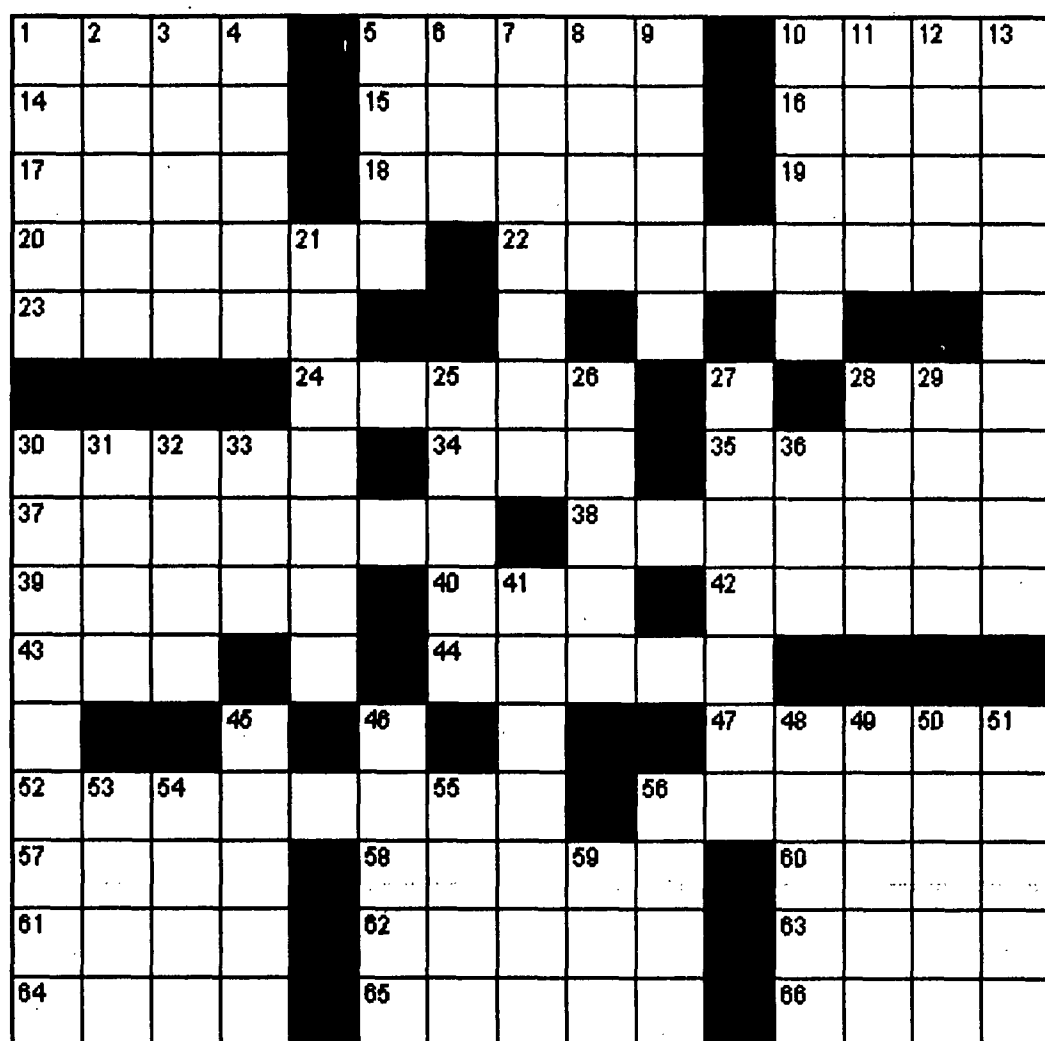
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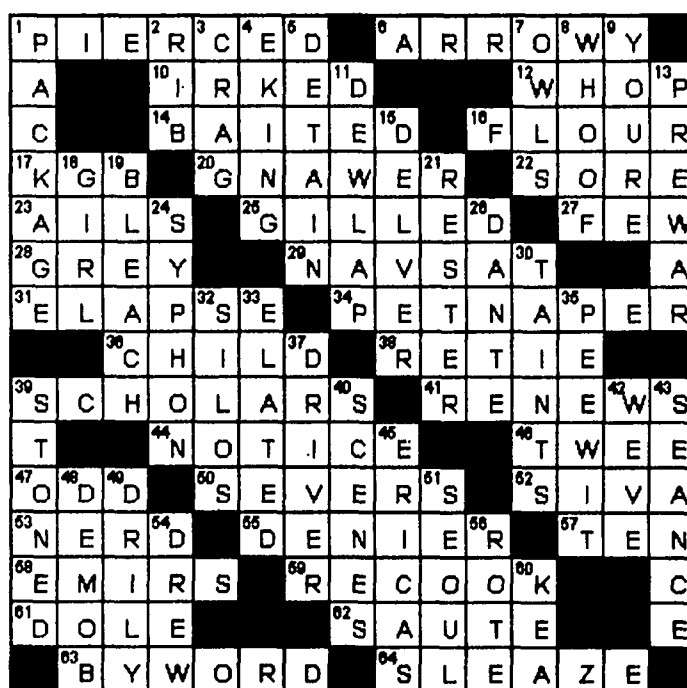
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'Stay' proves its staying power

By Ashley Bally
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Stay is a chaotic look into the bizarre state of events surrounding one suicidal college student.

Ewan McGregor (*Moulin Rouge*, *The Island*) plays a co-starring lead as Sam Foster, an aggressive psychiatrist assigned to fill in for a sick colleague. This is where Foster first encounters Henry Letham, played by Ryan Gosling (*The Notebook*, *Murder By Numbers*). Letham at first appears to be an overly emotional college student looking for attention. Then he confides in Foster his true intentions. Letham is going to kill himself in three days.

After this confession, nothing seems to make sense. Foster spends the duration of the film pursuing Letham to prevent him from committing suicide, but things take a turn to the unexpected as Foster begins to encounter members of Letham's family assumed to be dead. Now, Foster must try to save Letham without losing his sense of reality.

Stay is one of the most beautiful and provocative pieces of film-making I have seen in a long time. The images and tone of the film are so sensual in nature, you can't bare to pull your eyes away.

Discovering what the meaning is behind this particular piece is what will make the viewer crazy. The film is packed with odd hints and imperfections that are impossible to figure out. McGregor's pants are consistently too short, sets of twins and triplets serve as passersby in one



scene, and a sequence with a small child loosing a balloon is repeated three times.

Stay is full of top-notch acting but the composition of the film is what makes it worth seeing—probably twice if you want to understand it.

The transitions between each scene present a bizarre fluid sense of lucidity. Each clip morphs into another sequence of the film. It presents a side of desperation to the film, which blur the edges of reality and invoke a state of euphoria.

Stay lacks any sense or respect of time, space or logic. Most of the film is left in a complete haze of trying to sort reality from illusion. The mystery of the film is setting the line between the living and the dead.

Musical elements blend through out the film with an odd element of grace. Each sound clip ties the scene in with such a mysterious intrigue that, again, makes it impossible to look away.

Don't look for logic in this picture. Let go of any sense of reason you may have. Sit back and let the film happen. Over-analyzing or trying to predict a conclusion will ruin the experience.

The film is a piece of abstract art. View it; study it. Take it all in. Appreciate it for what it is worth, but don't search for meaning, it'll only make your head hurt.



Editor's Flick Picks

Each week a *Missourian* staffer will entice you to broaden your viewing pleasure with their favorites. This week is Dennis Sharkey, Co-Editor in Chief.

Hackers

This movie was released in 1995 and starts out with 18-year-old Dade Murphy, played by Jonny Lee Miller (*Trainspotting*, *Afterglow*) moves to New York City with his divorced mother.

At age 11 Murphy is convicted for hacking into and crashing thousands of company's computers, and shutting down Wall Street.

Part of his sentencing states he is not to own a computer or a touch-tone telephone system until his 18th birthday.

Upon turning 18 he hacks into a TV station and takes over. Another hacker, Kate Libby, played by Angelina Jolie (*Tomb Raider*, *Gone in 60 Seconds*) feels like Murphy has stepped on her turf and the two discover they're in the same high school.

Later one of their younger friends hacks into an oil company computer and discovers a plot to launch a virus that would shut down many of the world's computers allowing Eugene Belford played by Fisher Stevens (*Flamingo Kid*, *Short Circuit 1 and 2*) and his girlfriend, played by Lorraine Bracco (*Sopranos*, *Goodfellas*) to steal millions of dollars.

Throughout the movie the two must battle the police and Belford, but eventually bring down the thieves.

Better off Dead

Any movie with John Cusack (*Con Air*, *Identity*) is good but this just happens to be my favorite.

Cusack plays a teenager named Lane Myer who has just been dumped by his hot girlfriend Beth, played by Amanda Wyss (*A Nightmare on Elm Street*) for a much cooler teen.

Everybody in Myer's life begins to ridicule him at his loss of love, all the way down to the mailman and the psychotic paperboy who wants his \$2.

Meanwhile a French foreign exchange student across the street develops a crush on Myer.

Stuck in a house with an overbearing house-mother and fat slob who can't wait to get his grubby hands on her.

Myer begins many humorous attempts to kill himself that all end unsuccessfully. Myer finally realizes that happiness may be right across the street.

The '80s brought us a lot of comical movies but this is one of my favorites.

I've seen the movie numerous times and I could still watch it tonight and laugh.

The Lost Boys

This 1987 classic is about two young brothers and their mother who move to a small and vampire infested town in California to live with their Grandpa.

The younger son Sam, played by Corey Haim (*Lucas*), soon makes friends with the Frog brothers who are comic book geeks, and warn Sam of the vampire population.

The older son Michael, played by Jason Patric (*Afterdark*), soon falls for one of the female vampires Star, played by Jami Gertz (*Less than Zero*), who is still trying to cling to her humanity.

At the same time the mother, Lucy, played by Dianne Wiest (*The Bird Cage*), gets a job at a local video store working for the head vampire Max, played by Edward Herrmann (*The Paper Chase*).

Meanwhile Michael has fallen in with the vampires and is trapped in their world.

Sam and his two friends must find a way to destroy all of the vampires without destroying Michael and Star.

The thing that made the movie so popular was the abundance of future stars in the movie including Kiefer Sutherland and Corey Feldman. The movie also has one of my favorite soundtracks.

Vanilla Sky

Starring Tom Cruise and one of his many former flames Penelope Cruz this film was released in 2001 and is a remake of the 1997 Spanish film *Open Your Eyes*.

I've watched this movie 50 times and I still don't completely get it. In fact I had to watch the movie a second time just to get a grasp of what was kind of going on.

Cruise (*Top Gun*, *War of the Worlds*) plays a rich media owner named David Ames who falls for his best friend's girlfriend Sophia played by Cruz (*Blow*, *Sahara*).

Ames though gets lured into the car of his crazy ex-girlfriend, Julie, played by Cameron Diaz (*Something about Mary*). Julie is suicidal and drives the car off a bridge killing herself and severely disfiguring Ames.

The rest of the movie Ames tries to cope with his crumbling life with the help of Sophia. Ames begins to even question his own existence.

Plan on watching this one at least twice because many details were unclear the first time.

The thing I like about the movie is I had to watch it a second time and one must think it was good or you would just forget about it.

Strange Days

Released in 1995, the movie takes place in the days leading up to New Years 2000 in Los Angeles when a very influential rapper named Jeriko One is gunned down by the police causing more riots.

An ex-cop Lenny Nero, played by Ralph Fiennes (*Red Dragon*, *Schindler's List*) is addicted to a new technology that lets people record live action as if you were the person living, feeling and seeing it. The technology is considered an illegal drug.

A street prostitute that he knows and is friends with his ex-girlfriend Faith, played by Juliette Lewis (*Natural Born Killers*, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*) had the recording device on her when the police killed the rapper and are now in hot pursuit of the tape.

Nero, with help from his friend Mace played by Angela Bassett (*Boyz n the Hood*) must run from the corrupt cops and get the message to the police despite the recordings being illegal.

Mace also plays the part of mother for Nero because he needs one.

The movie doesn't exactly end happily but you get the feeling that everybody got what they deserved or what they were suppose to have.

Top 10

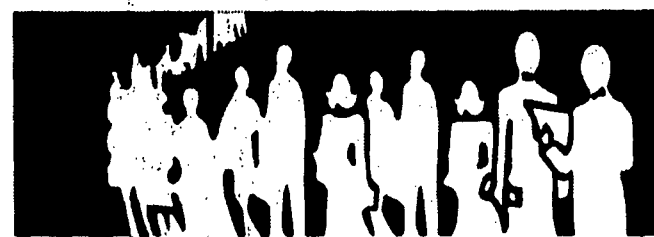
1. *Bad Day*, Daniel Powter
2. *Temperature*, Sean Paul
3. *So Sick*, Ne-Yo
4. *You're Beautiful*, James Blunt
5. *Be Without You*, Mary J. Blige
6. *Unwritten*, Natasha Bedingfield
7. *Lean Wit It, Rock Wit It*, Dem Franchise Boyz Featuring Lil Peanut & Charlay
8. *I'm N Love (Wit A Stripper)*, T-Pain Featuring Mike Jones
9. *Ms. New Booty*, Bubba Sparxxx Featuring Ying Yang Twins & Mr. Colli Park
10. *Yo (Excuse Me Miss)*, Chris Brown

Need something to do?

Check out the entertainment calendar.

Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8	Sunday 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Sub City Take Action Tour. @ Granada, Lawrence, Kan. 6 p.m. \$17. ■ Train. @ Uptown Theater, Kansas City, Mo. 8 p.m. \$30. ■ On Sale Today: Panic! At the Disco @ Uptown Theater, Kansas City, Mo. 8 p.m. \$23. July 21. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dragstravaganza. @ Jesse Auditorium, Columbia, Mo. 7 p.m. \$5. ■ Imani Winds. @ Lied Center, Lawrence, Kan. 7:30 p.m. \$23-28. ■ Greenwheel. @ The Blue Note, Columbia, Mo. 8:30 p.m. \$6. \$2 minor surcharge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ludo. @ The Blue Note, Columbia, Mo. 6:30 p.m. \$6. \$2 minor surcharge. ■ Jackyl. @ Beaumont Club, Kansas City, Mo. 7:30 p.m. \$18.50. ■ Jazz Disciples. @ The Blue Room, Kansas City, Mo. 8:30 p.m. \$10. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dena Derosé Trio. @ Murry's, Columbia, Mo. 3:30 p.m. \$23. ■ Particle. @ Granada, Lawrence, Kan. 9 p.m. \$15. ■ ISU Spring Choral. @ Stephens Auditorium, Ames, Iowa. 3 p.m. \$7:50.
Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jon Cartwright Trio with Giacomo featuring Bobby Watson. @ Blue Room, Kansas City, Mo. 7 p.m. \$20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pat Green @ The Blue Note, Columbia, Mo. 7 p.m. \$20. ■ Keller Williams. @ U of I Ballroom, Iowa City, Iowa. 7:30 p.m. \$17. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Dark Star Orchestra. @ Uptown Theater, Kansas City, Mo. 8 p.m. \$22. ■ Dinosaur Jr. @ The Blue Note, Columbia, Mo. 7 p.m. \$23. \$2 minor surcharge. ■ Nine Black Alps. @ Grand Emporium, Kansas City, Mo. 8 p.m. \$9.65. 18 and over with I.D. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fall Out Boy. @ City Market, Kansas City, Mo. 7 p.m. \$28.50. ■ Eisley @ Bottleneck, Lawrence, Kan. 9 p.m. \$9. ■ Myshkin: Esther Sparks @ Davey's Uptown Ramblers Club, Kansas City, Mo. 9 p.m. \$7. 21 and over with I.D.

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ABOVE, ERIC Morrow, right, arm wrestles with John Qualls during their weekly bowling competition at Bearcat Lanes. Morrow assists adults with disabilities in the community every Tuesday for an hour and a half. The two have become very close during their weekly visits. Below, Kristen Shaw and Morrow assist Qualls with rolling the bowling ball down the lane. The metal ramp makes it possible for wheelchairs to access the lanes.

Northwest students take time out to volunteer and make a difference in their community

Kansas City

Cat/Dog Socializer & Advocate
Organization: Wayside Waifs
Description: A group of volunteers who spend time with a variety of animals at the Wayside Waifs shelter. They help the animals get used to human contact and provide a safe, loving environment for them. They also help with the adoption process.

Construction Volunteer
Organization: Habitat for Humanity
Description: A group of volunteers who help with construction projects for Habitat for Humanity. They build homes for people in need and help with other community improvement projects.

Be a Hero
Organization: Be a Hero
Description: A group of volunteers who help with various community service projects. They help with food banks, clothing drives, and other projects that benefit the community.

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Every Tuesday, he slowly walks into Bearcat Lanes. He pauses to glance around the room and see the warm smiling faces of his friends. His inhibitions and worries dissipate as he makes his way over to them.

He helps set up the shining metal racks and clears the way for the wheelchairs to reach them. As the afternoon progresses, the stories continue flow, the loud thumping of the balls spinning feverishly down the lanes echo throughout the building and not once does the smile ever leave his face.

Northwest sophomore Eric Morrow is a volunteer. He sets aside an hour and a half every Tuesday to reach out to people less fortunate than himself.

A New Understanding

Morrow became involved in volunteer work through his Introduction to Special Education course. One of the course requirements stated that he must have completed a set number of volunteer hours to pass the class.

He completed the required hours a week ago, and still continues to meet with his group every Tuesday. Plans have been made to maintain regular visits twice a month until he graduates.

There are around 20-25 adults with disabilities who usually participate, and two are in wheelchairs. At the bowling alley they set up metal racks at the end of the lanes that slope upward. The racks make it possible for people in wheelchairs to access the lanes. The bowling balls are placed at the top of the rack and then pushed. The balls roll down the rack and slide into the pins waiting at the end of the lane.

He selected the bowling activity after a previous volunteer experience in 2004. Morrow assisted athletes with disabilities when he volunteered during the Special Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.

"The Special Olympics was a lot like working here," Morrow said. "Excitement was really high and people were cheering. I helped the people with wheelchairs, setting up the ramps and cheering with the crowd. It keeps everyone enthusiastic and motivated."

Sometimes encountering a person with a disability for the first time can be very awkward or uncomfortable. Morrow is pleased to say he never really had that problem. He had a close friend in high school had a disability, and it never fazed him at all.

"When you encounter someone with a disability

you realize it's just a small part of them," he said. "The more they are around the more you look past it. It's not a hindrance for them. You look past the disability and just see the people."

A Different Type of Reward

Volunteer work allows students to put themselves out there and work for a common good.

The activities lead to a number of rewards, which are not focused on a dollar sign or shiny gold medal.

Northwest freshman Lori Hansen became involved with volunteer work through the M3C volunteer program through Americorps. She works five days a week for Nocomo Industries.

She spends her days sorting through donations and handling paperwork. The donations are collected, sorted and the dispersed to be sold in a thrift store. The warehouse takes volunteers and employees 25-30 other workers with disabilities, she said.

"Every time I go to work I have a smile on my face," Hansen said. "I get called 'ornery' everyday by the workers. There are certain ones that do something everyday to make you smile."

While volunteering, Morrow, has met a number of interesting people. One man specifically seems to bring an enthusiastic response from Morrow. Morrow and bowler John Qualls have become very close.

"Everyone told me he was the grumpy one and was hard to deal with," Morrow said. "John remembers stories and things we talk about. I bought a fishing boat before Spring Break. After break, it had been three weeks since I had been able to assist them. He asked me right away if I had used my fishing boat."

He wouldn't give up his experiences for anything. He has found that giving away his time eventually comes back to him in kindness and that is a better reward.

"The best thing about it is the fact that you can walk in at 3:30 p.m. in a bad mood," Morrow said. "Then whatever it was that was bothering you doesn't matter anymore. These people have you built up so much. Just going in is a great relief."

The Ultimate Act of Service

Directly after graduating from high school, Morrow enlisted in the Army Reserves. He served a year in Iraq from May 2003 to May 2004.

While in Iraq he worked in construction and

worked on the Saddam International Airport, built Camp Victory in Baghdad, where the Army stays now, and went to different schools around Baghdad delivering supplies, Morrow said.

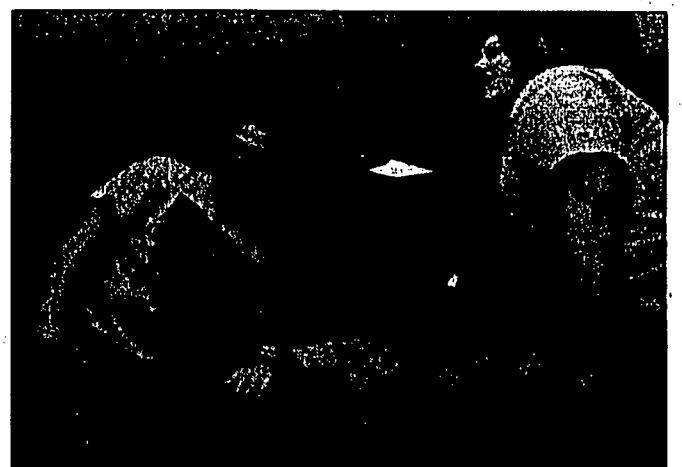
He had every intention of going active in the Army but chose the Reserve at his parent's request.

"All through high school, I thought about teaching," he said. "Then I was stationed in Iraq for a year and I knew I would go back into education."

Morrow now lives in Maryville. He ended up at Northwest after a friend told him it was a good school. While he was active his parents filled out most of his paperwork and when he came home from Iraq he moved to Maryville.

Making Time

Many students have the interest in volunteering



but finding the time to get involved always seems to slow the process. Between picking the project and making time for it, it can be difficult to contribute.

According to Morrow, volunteering is about finding something you like to do and sticking with it.

"Once you get started you realize, one and a half hours a week isn't much," Morrow said. "You are giving back to the community members that need it."

Hansen balances a very hectic lifestyle few other students can compete with. She is enrolled as a full-time student, a member of the marching band and is active in her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi.

"It's little things, if just for an hour. Instead of working out or watching T.V.," she said. "You'll find it's not that hard to balance everything. It doesn't matter what it is you do as long as you can make people smile."